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## A REVOLUTION IN CHINESE WRITING.

[BY DR. JOHN DARROCH.]

The writer of the following article, which appears in the *Bible in the World*, is the agent in China of the Religious Tract Society. He tells us: "The action of the Chinese Board of Education in devising and introducing into primary schools a phonetic script has been watched with great attention by different people. That the oldest and, what was or ages, the most civilised nation on earth, should, at this late day, abandon the pictorial character in which is enshrined its vast literature and proceed to learn the A B C, albeit a Chinese alphabet, arrests the attention of even the ordinary 'man in the street.' It is not wonderful that many Chinese scholars oppose the introduction of the new writing and deny its usefulness. Themselves masters of a copious and facile language, they regard the proposed change as an unnecessary and useless concession to foreign ways of thinking, and feel it to be an insult to the ancient sages who shaped the thought of the nation ages ago. This attitude is not unreasonable; but we must remember that those who adopt it know only their own language, and have not the same means of judging the power of a phonetic script to represent ideas as we have who have been nurtured in the use of the alphabetical system of writing.

It must be remembered that all written language began with ideograms. The cave man making pictures on the bones of the animals whose flesh he had eaten was taking the first step towards the invention of writing. He was using symbols—lines scratched on a flat surface—to transfer the ideas begotten in his own mind to the mind of others. This is surely the function of writing. The next steps are natural and inevitable. The symbols used are simplified until they lose their pictorial character and do not in the least resemble the objects which they indicate. Sound values begin to attach themselves to the originally pictorial symbols and phonetic writing is evolved. China has the unique distinction of still retaining the hills, the river, the deer, and the moon pictures in every day use in the written language, whereas all other nations have long discarded them for a more convenient alphabetical script.

### EARLY CHINESE PHONOGRAMS.

Moreover, the phonetic principle found its way very early into Chinese writing, and a large proportion of the characters in the language are phono-grams rather than picto-grams. For instance, the character *Kung*, "a labourer" resembled a capital "I" in our language. It was originally, in all probability, a picture of the man bowed at his task. When it became necessary to differentiate the product of labour from the labourer, another primary, the radical for "strength" was added to the ideograph "labourer" and the new character "labour" or "merit" was born. It is a meritorious act to produce by labour—was added to the language. But the new character took its sound from the old and was still read *Kung*. The list might be extended, or another primitive chosen, and many derivatives shown which retained the phonetic value of the original, but indicated each a new idea expressed by the same sound. In spite of this the Chinese language did not develop into a phonetic script as did the Egyptian, but the fact that the phonetic principle is, to some extent, recognised in the characters which compose the written language does show that there is a stepping-stone between the old pictographic characters and the new phonetic script.

### MULTIPLICITY OF HOMOPHONES.

It is objected sometimes that because the language of China contains so many homophones—as *to*, *too*, *two*—a phonetic script is necessarily unintelligible. Take the word *too*: there are not as in the case of the English "to," three words with the same sound, but the language contains at least thirty words pronounced *too* and, in script, all written alike. There is an equally large number of *Hung*, *Li*, and *Hui*. How, it is asked, is a reader to tell which of the thirty *Too*'s is meant when, in print, all are spelled exactly alike? In reply to this it may be pointed out that the phonetic script reproduces the sounds of the language as spoken. Common conversation is interlarded with homophones *too*'s and *hang*'s, and yet the people do understand each other with apparently no more difficulty than we find in speaking English to a fellow-countryman. It may be objected that in conversation the "tone" (there are four tones in Pekingese and five in Chinese as spoken in Central China) indicates the particular *too* to be understood. Well, the tones can be, and are, printed as well as spoken.

The spoken language differs from the written in this, that while the written is terse, the spoken is diffuse: *tan*, "a knife," is written as a single word by itself, but in speech becomes double, and is spoken *tan-dai*; *to*, "doctrine," in speech becomes *tan-li*; *dao*, "inverted," becomes *tan-liao*; and so on. Phonetic script reproduces the spoken language and its use is doubly to be desired, because it is not only easy to learn, but easy to understand. The anomaly which exists with the Chinese language as written in character, that a pupil may, and actually does, read the whole of the four books, spending about four years in the process, and at the end of that time does not understand a word of what he has read if it is understood.

### UNDERSTOOD NOT SUBSTITUTE.

It cannot be denied that the new script can do what is claimed for it. It can enable an illiterate person, after a few weeks of study, to read a book written in the spoken language. If it is taken up and vigorously pushed by the missionary body as a whole, it will reduce illiteracy in the Church to a vanishing quantity. If left to a few enthusiasts, however, it is quite possible that it will fail. The phonetic script is not intended and is never expected to take the place of the (Continued at foot of next column).

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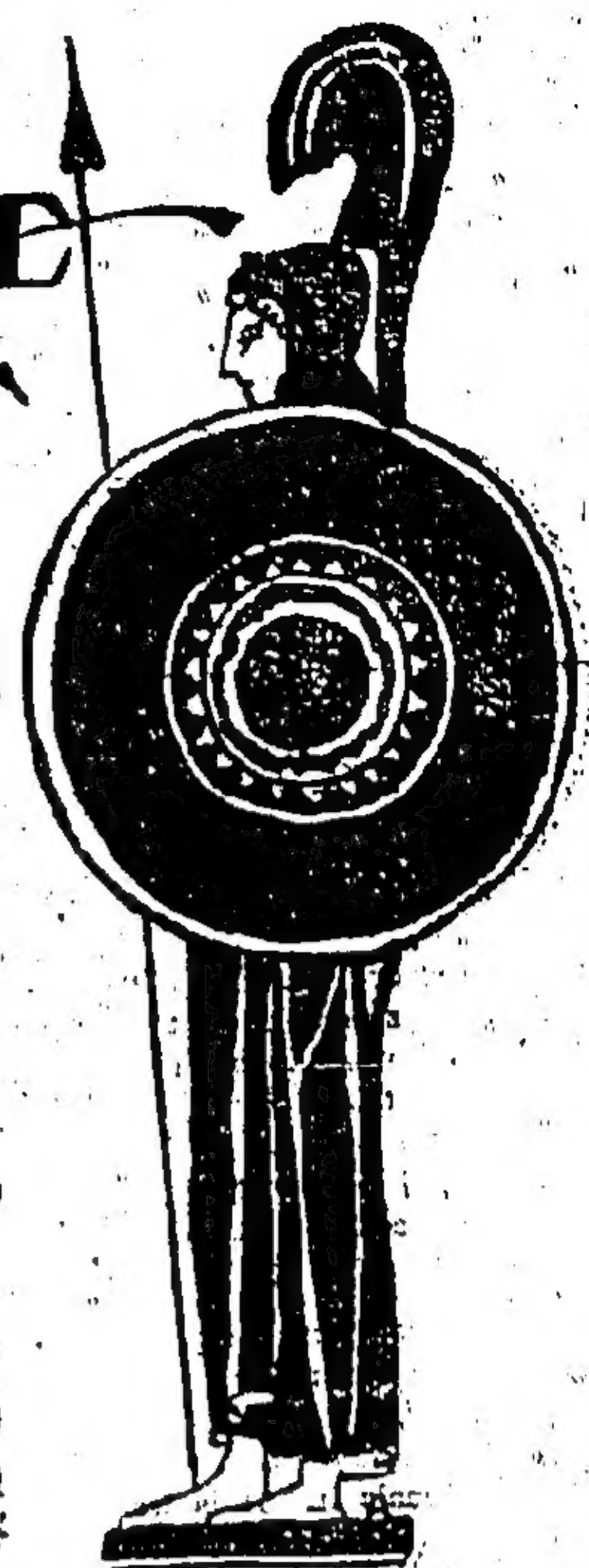
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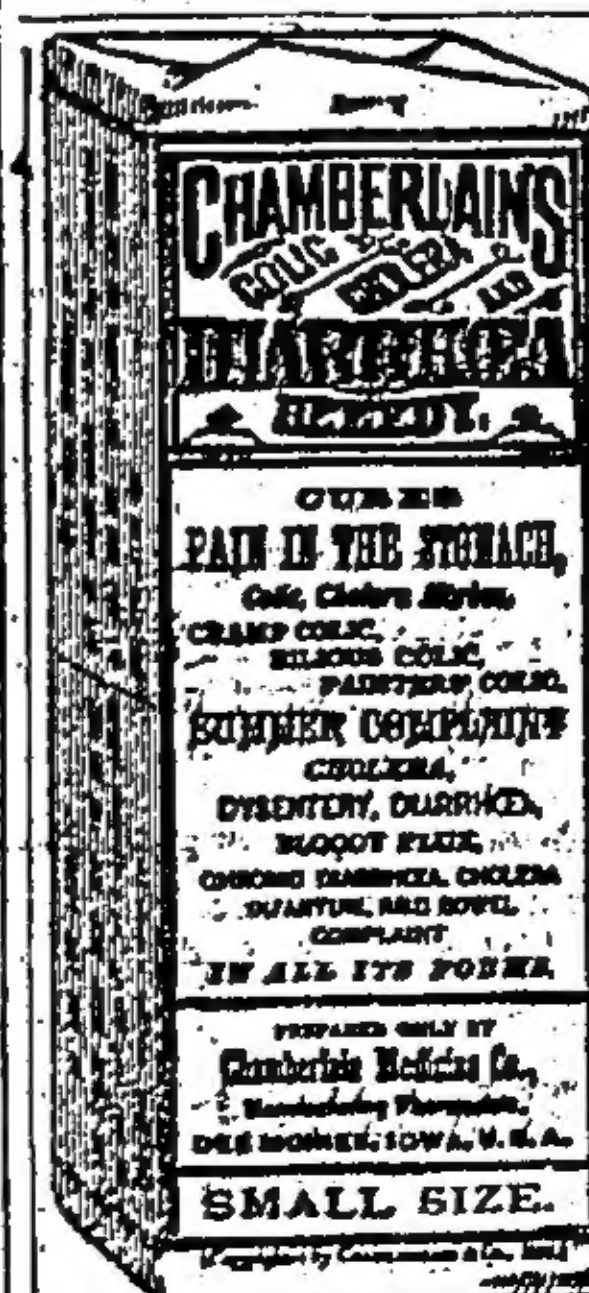
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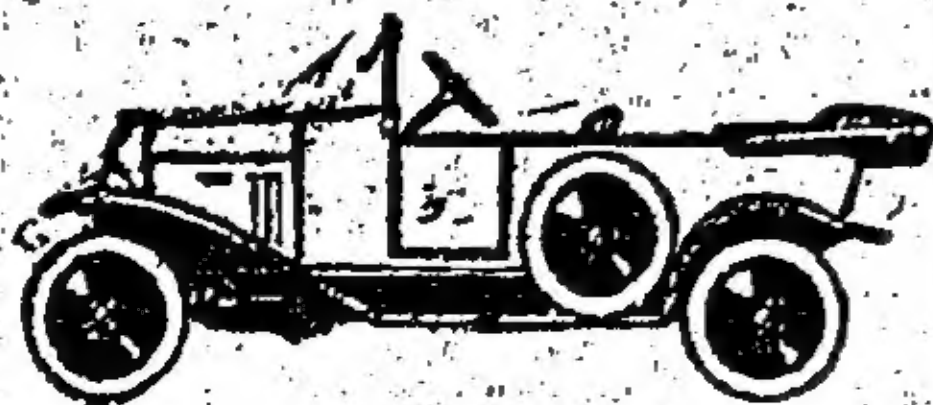
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"The first Government mint in China was organized at Canton in 1899 through the efforts of the late Viceroy Chang Chih-tung. Before that date, silver and brass cash were the prevailing currency in the interior of China. In the treaty ports Mexican dollars sometimes took the place of silver. The Canton Mint at first confined its operations to the issue of dollar and silver fractional coins. In 1900 it was authorized to issue also ten-cash copper coins. The privilege of establishing a mint was granted to Fukien province in the same year. As a result of an Edict issued in 1901, Government mints were established in Chihli, Shantung, Hunan, Hubei, Honan, Kiangsu, Anhwei, Kiangsi, Szechuan, Chekiang, Fengtien and Kirin provinces. Three mints specially designed to issue copper coins also came into existence at Tientsin, Tsingtau, Kiangsu province, and Foochow. Fukien province, respectively. In 1905, Kwangsi, Yunnan, and Kweichow provinces each obtained permission from the Government to establish mints for the issue of copper.

By that time there were in all 20 Government mints located in seventeen different provinces. Indiscriminate issue ultimately led to the flooding of the money market with a variety of coins differing from one another in weight and fineness. To check this currency chaos the Board of Revenue forbade the establishment of any new mints in the provinces, and issued orders to the provincial mints limiting new coin issues. This step, however, did not prove adequate to remedy the confusion, and the Board had to resort to more far-reaching reforms. In 1906, at the instance of the Board, an Edict was issued, reducing the number of mints in the country to nine. The mint in Shantung and that at Tientsin were merged into one, those in Hunan and Hubei, in Anhwei, Kiangsi and Kiangsu, in Chekiang and Szechuan, and in Kwangtung and Kwangsi were similarly dealt with. The mints in Fengtien, Honan, Szechuan and Yunnan were retained. They were all placed under the direct control of the Board of Revenue. Attempts were then made to standardize coin issues. The mint at Tientsin was made the Head or Central Mint, which issued a set of new, uniform moulds to replace those used by the provincial mints. An official system was drawn up for the Government mints. For the Tientsin mint, a Director-General, under title of Chien-tai, and a Co-Director were appointed, and for each of the provincial mints a Chief, known as Chung-pai, and an Assistant Chief. Each mint was also divided into sections under separate sectional chiefs. These efforts at standardizing the currency, however, were checked by the outbreak of the Revolution in 1911.

During the mutiny of March '12, 1912, the Tientsin Central Mint was looted and its plant destroyed. What remained was removed to the Peiyang Mint, which was established at Tientsin in the Tsing dynasty to mint copper coins. In 1912 a new plant was installed on the site of the former Tientsin Central Mint. A Chien-tai or Director-General was appointed and it was reinstated to its former status as the Central Mint. The Tientsin Mint, of which the Peiyang Mint is now only a branch, is still considered the Central Mint, although it has long ceased to exercise authority over the provincial mints.

The Tientsin Central Mint, under the present official system, is divided into three departments: the general department, the works department, and the assaying and analysis department, each under a departmental chief. There are four senior and four junior technical experts, four inspectors, one secretary, and eighteen clerks. In the Tientsin branch mint only two senior and two junior technical experts and twelve clerks are employed.

The mints in the provinces are now quite independent of the Tientsin Central Mint or the Government and are completely under the control of the provincial officials. Some of the provincial mints, which were closed in the Tsing dynasty as the result of the mergers, have been reopened. The mints now operating in the provinces, not including the Central and branch mints at Tientsin, are the Fengtien Mint at Mukden, the Kiangsu Mint at Nanking, the Hupeh Mint at Wuchang, the Szechuan Mint at Chengtu, the Kwangtung Mint at Canton, the Yunnan Mint at Kunming, the Chekiang Mint at Hangchow, and the Anhwei Mint at Anking. A new mint was opened at Kalgan last year, and a mint at Shanghai is in process of organization.

Attempts have recently been made by the Ministry of Finance to adopt a uniform official system for all the Government mints in the country. As the mints in the provinces differ widely from one another in their equipment and working capacity, the Ministry has divided them into two classes according to their importance. The Central Mint at Tientsin and the new mint at Shanghai are graded in the first class and the other mints in the provinces, in the second class. The Chief or the Director of a first class mint has the title of Chien-tai and his official rank is in the "Directly Appointed" Class. The chiefs of the second class mints are officials of the "Recommended" Class, ranking one grade lower than the first-class mint chiefs.

An Ordinance governing National Currency was promulgated in 1914 and, in pursuance of the injunctions of the Government, the Tientsin Central Mint first issued the Republican dollar, which bears the effigy of President Yuan Shih-kai on one side and two rice ears on the other. In 1915, the mints at Nanking, Canton and Wuchang also turned out these new dollars. For the purpose of standardization the provincial mints got their moulds from the Tientsin mint. The weight of the new coin was fixed at seven mace and two candareens and its fineness was at first determined at 90 per cent., but later on was changed to 89 per cent. To prevent debased coins from being issued by

the provinces, provincial mints were required to send sample coins to the Ministry of Finance for inspection before circulation took place.

In 1916 the mints at Tientsin and Nanking began to issue subsidiary coins, which were designed to replace the old depreciated fractional coins and thereby to eliminate the confusion and the complications in the difference of the exchange rate between the dollar and subsidiary coins resulting from the depreciation of the latter. This example was followed by other provincial mints. For a time the new subsidiary coins were circulated at par, but political disturbances frustrated the plan of the Government. Provincial chiefs, now look upon the mints in their provinces as sources of revenue. Handsome profits have been made by issuing debased subsidiary coins. Some of the provincial mints, finding it more profitable to issue subsidiary coins, have stopped issuing dollar coins and have devoted themselves entirely to the turning out of 20-cent pieces and copper coins. The market, being flooded with such debased coins, the public has to accept them at a discount. At present the exchange rate of the new subsidiary coins on the Peking market is about 10 per cent. below their face value.

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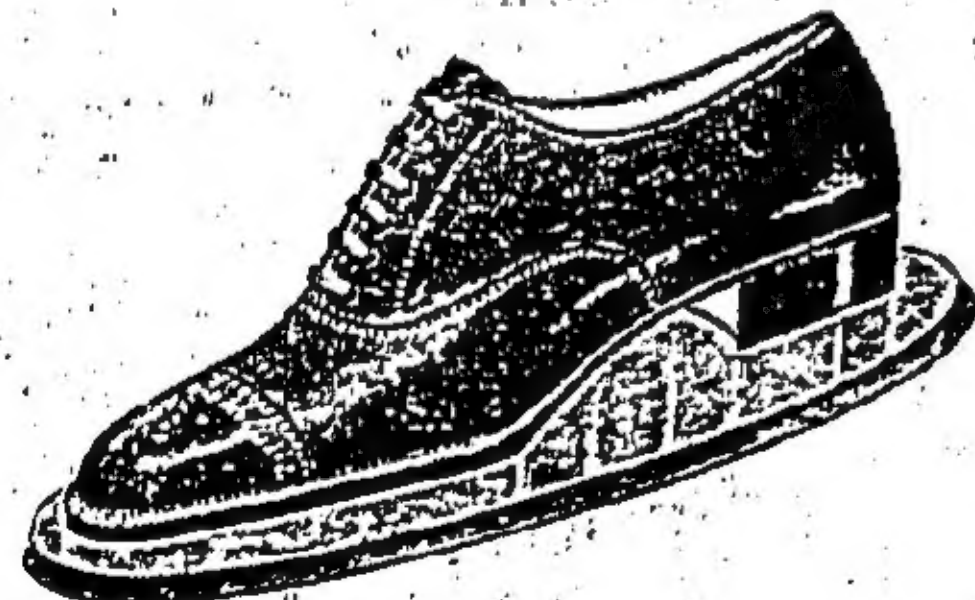
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A YEAR'S ACTIVITIES.

Mr. D. G. M. Bernard presided at the annual meeting of the Hongkong Benevolent Society, held at City Hall yesterday.

The Chairman read the Report of the Ladies' Committee which said that since the Society was founded in 1889, its work has been so well known in Hongkong and the Far East, that it seems hardly necessary to give any details of its general principles. However as we draw a large part of our funds from the ever changing public, it may be well to give some brief details. Since the inception of the Society more than 1,638 cases have passed through its hands. During 1923 there were twenty-five new cases not including several cases from the previous year. Help in some form or another was given and in all cases clothing. Amongst the recipients of help were British, Americans, Russians, Malays, Filipinos, Greeks, a Eurasian woman, widow of a German, and an Englishwoman and her children married to a Chinese. Passages have been given, 3 to England, 5 to Singapore, 2 to Shanghai, 1 to Australia. Landing money has also been given. Applicants for help are dealt with directly by the Secretary and Assistant Secretary who attend the City Hall every Monday and Thursday at 11 a.m. They having interviewed the applicant for relief and when due enquiries have been made, furnish what relief may be considered necessary. The relief may take the form of clothing, housing accommodation, monetary assistance or even repatriation. During the past year the room rented by the Society in Kowloon, where deserving cases can be lodged, has almost continuously been occupied. Recently Bishop Lander speaking in Liverpool referred in no uncertain terms to the great difficulties which were likely to occur when a marriage was entered into between a European and an Asiatic. His words are fully endorsed by the Society. [A typical example from the many cases that have come to the Society's notice was related.]

It is pleasant to be able as in other years to refer to the almost universal good feeling and gratitude with which the persons assisted by us help us in our work.

The thanks of the Committee are due to the Colonial Government, not only for their annual grant of \$500 but also for the fact that they have materially increased this, and now have guaranteed us \$1,000 per annum, and also to Lady Stubbs for \$771 the balance of the War Charities Fund and to Lady Chater for her gift of \$500. St. George's and St. Andrew's Societies and the British Legion also have been most generous in helping with passages. The Rev. Mr. Waldegrave has given assistance and advice, of a peculiarly valuable nature, and we are deeply indebted to the subscribers and donors and the general public for their many gifts of clothing and to Mr. Hampden Ross for auditing the accounts.

During the year Mrs. Hickling in addition to her many professional duties took the post of Secretary. Unfortunately for us the Government recognizing her worth, offered her duties of such a nature that it was impossible for her to continue her work with us. The Committee would like to congratulate her on her important position and to thank her for her services in the past.

The following ladies have served on the Committee during the year: Mrs. Arnott, Mrs. Bernard, Mrs. Cook, Mrs. Elliott, Mrs. Carrie, Mrs. Gompertz, Mrs. Parr, Mrs. Lang, Mrs. Holyoak, Mrs. Grayburn, Mrs. Featherstone, Mrs. Hickling, Mrs. Roffey, Mrs. Mackenzie, Mrs. Ferguson, Miss Inness, Mrs. Murray, Mrs. Goldsmith, Mrs. McKenny (hon. secretary).

Mr. BERNARD added: It is satisfactory to note that the funds of the Society are in a healthy condition, and that after transferring to fixed deposit \$500, the year with a credit balance at the bank of \$1,008.17 as against \$712.48 the previous year. It is gratifying also to see that receipts for life membership have grown from \$250 in 1922 to \$900 in 1923, and I hope that those who have appreciated the good work done by the Society and become life members will not, for that reason, reduce their subscriptions in future. Although the financial result for last year was satisfactory, I wish to point out that the Society is dependant upon the generosity of the public, and I trust that those who recognise that charity has a call upon them will subscribe liberally. The Society has an important function to fill in the Colony and in subscribing to it we can rest assured that the money will be spent to good purpose. Every case coming before the Committee is carefully investigated, and the Committee do their best to render aid only in cases where there is real and genuine distress. Clothes, I may say, are always welcome, and any gifts of this nature are gratefully received.

Before proposing the adoption of the Report and Accounts, (he concluded) I would like to correct an omission. I observe in the Report. Perhaps it is because Mrs. McKenny was ill. It is this. The Committee thank Mrs. Hickling for her assistance in the past, but there is no mention of the present Hon. Secretary, Mrs. McKenny, nor yet of the Hon. Treasurer, Mrs. Elliott. The of you who are connected with the Society are well aware of the difficult and large amount of work that devolves upon the Secretary and Treasurer, especially the former, and the painstaking and able manner in which it has been carried out. I think, therefore, that I will have the full support of the Meeting in thanking them also for their services.

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## HONGKONG SANITARY BOARD.

SMALL-POX EPIDEMIC IN CANTON.

"As small-pox is very prevalent in the City (Canton) at the present it is urged that residents should refrain from visiting there unless for the purpose of business." This is a copy of a notification issued from the British Consul-General's Office at Shamen, Canton, which was read at yesterday's meeting of the Sanitary Board by the Chairman (Mr. G. R. Sayer). The Chairman also read a letter received from the Secretary of the Shamen Municipal Council with the notification which stated:—

"I am directed by my Council to forward you a copy of Notification No. 3 with reference to the small-pox epidemic in Canton which has been circulated amongst the residents of the British Consession, Shamen, and which explains itself."

"Copies have been sent to the Hongkong Hotel, the King Edward Hotel, the American Express Company and Messrs. Thos. Cook & Sons, Ltd., in order that the attention of visitors to Canton may be drawn to the danger of going into the Native City at the present time."

The Board passed no comments on the matter.

The only other business before the meeting concerned the site for a new public lavine in Mongkok Road and Shanghai Street. It appears that the Board had at a previous meeting agreed to this site, but since then an objection to the site had been received. Without any discussion the Chairman formally moved that the Board re-affirm its former decision. This was unanimously agreed to.

This concluded the business before the meeting.

There were present at the meeting:—

Mr. G. R. Sayer (Chairman), the Hon. Mr. T. B. Cressy (Director of Public Works), Mr. C. Alabaster, K.C., Mr. T. W. Wong Kwong Tin, Dr. W. W. Pearse (Medical Officer of Health) and Mr. J. W. Fraser (Secretary).

## THE SMALL POX EPIDEMIC.

104 CASES LAST WEEK.

The number of cases of small-pox notified in the Colony last week was 104 and the number of deaths was 89. All the cases notified were Chinese with the exception of two (one British and one American). During the 24 hours ended January 28th 14 further cases were notified (one being British).

## CORRESPONDENCE.

A REPROACH.

[TO THE EDITOR OF THE "HONGKONG DAILY PRESS."]

Sir,—Pity the poor Editor, and well may you quote that phrase!

I recently read an interesting article by the Editor of one of your contemporaries dealing with the subject of "Letters to Editors"—Apparently, "Reliable" did not perceive that article before wasting time with an effusion taking up nearly three quarters of a column of your valuable space in your issue of to-day, in a hopeless effort to produce a humorous skit on the piracy epidemic, and, which, perhaps to him (or her) sounded witty. Those aiming at humorous writings, minus the ability to produce same should confine their "Literary gifts" to a Diary on "How to make Bure," and not waste space in newspapers with trash which is absolutely of no interest to anyone, and which cannot evoke a smile, or any but those possessing the intelligence of "Reliable" and Birds of a Feather.—Yours, etc.,

"CRITIC."

Hongkong, January 29th, 1924.

The hon. treasurer's statement for the year explained that in 1907 Sir H. Mody presented the Society with \$10,000 which was invested in Hongkong Club Debentures. This fund now consisted of 22 Debentures of \$500 each and \$500 in Bank on Fixed Deposit, the latter representing one debenture drawn for payment last year. The Turner Fund consisted of 10 Royal Hongkong Yacht Club Debentures of \$50 each donated by Mrs. A. Turner in 1919. During the year one debenture was drawn for payment and is being held for reinvestment. In 1920 the widow of the late J. R. M. Smith presented the Society with \$500 which was invested in 5 per cent. War Loan. Thirty-five shares in the Hongkong and Kowloon Wharf and Godown Company were purchased by the Society in 1919. Life Membership Subscriptions amounting to \$150 in 1920, \$150 in 1921, \$250 in 1922 and \$900 for the period under review had not been invested as the money had been urgently required for necessitous cases. A further sum of \$333.33 on Fixed Deposit represented the residue of an amount reserved for a special case. This will, in due course, be paid to the beneficiary. Under the will of the late Sir Ellis Kadoorie the Society was granted a legacy of \$200 per annum, the first payment of which was received in February last.

The following committee was elected for 1924: Mrs. Gompertz (President), Mrs. Holyoak (Vice-President), Mrs. Murray (Hon. Treasurer), Mrs. McKenny (Hon. Secretary), Mrs. Goldsmith (Asst. Hon. Secretary), Mrs. Arnott, Mrs. Cavalier, Mrs. Griffin, Mrs. Airey, Mrs. Dunbar, Mrs. Owen Hughes, Mrs. Cook, Mrs. Carrie, Mrs. Ferguson, Mrs. Lindsay, and Mrs. Mackenzie (members of Committee). The report and statement of accounts for 1923 were adopted unanimously, and the passing of a vote of thanks to Mr. Bernard for presiding terminated the proceedings.



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# CLAIM AGAINST A BANK. A STARTLING TURN. LOCAL BARRISTER AS FORGERY EXPERT.

Before the Chief Justice and a Special Jury at the Supreme Court yesterday the hearing was continued of the civil action in which a firm of Chinese merchants, Messrs. Tai Wo and Co., 1, Eastern Street, are suing the Bank of East Asia for the sum of \$72,000.

Mr. F. C. Jenkins is appearing for plaintiffs, and Messrs. Eldon Potter, K.C., and Campbell Prosser represent defendants.

Plaintiff's claim is based upon the alleged wrongful payment of two cheques totalling the amount in question. They maintain that the signature "Lau Se Yuen" (partner in the plaintiff firm), which was on both cheques, had been forged.

Defendants, in turn, allege fraudulent intent on the part of the Tai Wo firm in attempting to secure the sum of \$72,000, the same having already been paid out by the Bank. The two cheques were drawn in favour of the Yangtze Trading Company, which, according to Counsel for defendants, does not now exist.

In the afternoon the case took a startling turn. Mr. Dovey, after being cross-examined by Mr. Jenkins, was constrained to withdraw a material amount of his evidence directed at proving that the signatures on all the documents—genuine and suspected—were the handwork of one man, the plaintiff Lau Se Yuen. Counsel undertook the role of handwriting expert. He apparently proved to the satisfaction of at least Mr. Dovey that the signature on the application form for a cheque book had been traced. He presented the Chief Justice with a forged specimen of his Lordship's signature. He then showed the Court how it was done. By the time the Court rose for the day, Mr. Dovey was still in the witness-box, and everyone was taking lessons in the twin arts of forgery and its detection at the hands of Mr. Jenkins.

## EXPERT EVIDENCE.

Cross-examination of the chief coolie who took the new cheque book to the plaintiff firm opened the proceedings yesterday. Mr. Jenkins, after questioning the witness regarding his procedure on the day in question, put it to him that on that day, he did not take a new cheque book to the firm. Witness said he did. Li Chi Fong, manager of the Bank of East Asia, produced a book giving the movements of the coolies who delivered cheque books, etc. This second book was kept by the head coolie. Witness pointed to an entry showing that a new cheque book was taken by the coolie to the Tai Wo firm on 19th October. The coolie was marked out at 3.42 p.m. and marked in at 4.50 p.m.

Mr. Jenkins interposed to the effect that he did not dispute the statement that the coolie left the Bank. What Counsel maintained was that the coolie did not go to the plaintiff firm.

Witness in the course of his examination said cheque books of the old type were printed locally. The new type of books had been printed in England by Messrs. Waterlow. Every one of the new cheque books still at the Bank contained an application form.

Witness then described what happened when anyone opened an account. There was no necessity for a new customer to sign an application form in order to obtain a cheque book. One was issued to him, and he signed a receipt for it. Witness recognised the receipt signed by Lau Se Yuen when this customer opened his account. All unused cheque books were kept under lock and key. Only the cashier and sub-manager had a key.

Cross-examined, witness said the new cheque books were kept in a vault and brought up in small quantities to be stamped at the Post Office. The books were then kept in the cashier's safe, of which only the cashier and assistant cashier had keys. When a new customer opened an account the cashier personally handed the cheque book to him. Most accounts were opened at the Bank with a chop and a signature. Witness attached as much importance to one as to the other as an authority to pay out money. A new cheque book would only be handed to a client personally. A fool could not take away a book even if he brought a properly signed application form. There were no loose application forms at the Bank, and there had been no complaints from customers as to the absence of application forms from their cheque books.

Mr. E. R. Dovey, Government Analyst, was then called for the defence. He said he had made a special study of handwriting. He had examined all the documents in the case—cheques, drafts, the application form, etc.—and was of the opinion that the signature "Lau Se Yuen" had been written in every instance by the same hand. The writing in the bodies of the cheques was also written by the same hand, with one small exception.

Witness stated that when he first examined the suspected cheques he discovered two or three points about them which indicated they were forgeries. There were several places where the writing had been obviously touched up.

The suspected cheques were then exhibited to the Chief Justice, Counsel and the Jury by Mr. Dovey, who explained what he meant when he said the handwriting on the cheques had been touched up.

Mr. Dovey, continuing, said that the dissimilarities first led him to think the signatures were forgeries, but later he came to the conclusion that the alterations were done intentionally in order to make the writing appear dissimilar. There were two other points why he first thought the signatures were forgeries, one being that the capital "S" on one suspected cheque was not linked up with its following letter. Why he was satisfied that all the signatures were by Lau Se Yuen, was because the plaintiff wrote in a continuous line without raising his pen, and for a man to forge such a signature was exceedingly hard. It meant that he had to go right to the finish once he had begun, and in the minor characteristics the writings were similar. A forger was always likely to copy the prominent characteristics and not the minor ones, and it was not possible for a forger to write a name without raising his pen once from the paper and retain in that signature the minor characteristics. He was of opinion that the suspected signatures were genuine.

In regard to the examination of the cheques, witness said he detected no differences between the genuine and suspected with the naked eye, but did so when enlarged photographs of the cheques were prepared. He then came to the conclusion that the impressions on the four suspected documents were not from the same chop as the impression on the original document.

## COUNSEL'S DISCLOSURE.

Cross-examined, Mr. Dovey said he first suspected the documents about three weeks ago. Witness agreed that superimposition was one way of discovering whether one signature was a forgery of another.

Superimposition, explained Mr. Jenkins, consisted of tracing both signatures—the genuine and the suspected—and placing one over the other. If the tracings tallied, the suspected signature was a forgery. It had been established that a person never wrote his signature twice in exactly the same manner.

Witness said he had never adopted the superimposition test with the documents in the case. Mr. Jenkins then asserted that within 15 minutes of the alleged forged cheques coming into his possession he discovered, by the aid of a special magnifying glass and an electric light, that the signature in one instance had been traced from that on an original cheque. The name "Lau Se Yuen," continued Counsel, with the exception of the bottom loop of the "L," had been most carefully stencilled.

Mr. Dovey, having examined the cheque, admitted that a point had been passed over the whole signature; there was a groove over the writing.

In reply to a Juror's witness said he did not think that groove had been done by the pen with which the signature has been written.

Witness said, in reply to Counsel, that it now looked as if the signature on the cheque had been traced.

## AN INTERVIEW.

At this stage Mr. Jenkins handed the Chief Justice a bundle of papers bearing his Lordship's signature.

"Does your Lordship recognise that signature?" he asked.

"I do," replied the Chief Justice.

"Well—I did that!" blantly observed Counsel. (Laughter.)

His Lordship: "Did you? We shall begin to suspect you of forging the documents." (Laughter.)

Mr. Jenkins: "It is my first effort in forgery, and I am glad your Lordship thinks well of it. I intend having a shot at Mr. Potter's signature on a cheque for \$50,000." (Laughter.)

Mr. Potter: "It wouldn't be of any use to you." (Laughter.)

Mr. Jenkins then explained how it was possible to trace a signature with the aid of a little graphite.

Mr. Dovey, again under cross-examination, agreed with what the expert criminologist Hans Gross said in his "Criminal Investigation," viz: "Close comparative measurements will demonstrate that a suspected signature has been traced from a genuine one."

## EVIDENCE WITHDRAWN.

Counsel then instructed witness to make some comparative measurements from the writing on a genuine cheque and that on the application form. The measurements more or less tallied. Witness, pressed by Counsel, said that in face of what he had seen, there was not much doubt that the signature on the application form was a forgery.

Counsel: Then, Mr. Dovey, you must withdraw that part of your evidence which was directed at establishing that the signatures were the same.

Witness: Yes.

Counsel: In view of that, do you still hold the confirmed opinion that all the rest of the writing has been written by Lau Se Yuen himself.

Witness: Hardly.

Counsel then put to witness questions regarding similarity between the signatures on genuine and suspected documents, eventually eliciting the opinion that witness had not much doubt that the signatures on the two cheques were also forgeries.

Of two innocent parties, continued Counsel, the Bank of East Asia on one side and plaintiff on the other, have you not a doubt in your mind that, through the instrumentality of some forger, both the Bank and the plaintiff have been defrauded?

Witness: It is quite likely.

Counsel: You haven't much doubt?

Witness: No.

This concluded the cross-examination of Mr. Dovey.

Mr. Potter asked permission to take the two cheques out of court for purposes of examination, having regard to Mr. Dovey's later evidence and the case brought out by the plaintiff side. This being agreed to, Mr. Potter added that he would reserve his re-examination of the last witness until the next day's hearing.

On the Court rising the Chief Justice intimated his desire to see Counsel for both sides in Chambers.

# ST. JOHN'S CATHEDRAL. ANNUAL MEETING OF CHURCH BODY.

The Bishop of Victoria (the Rt. Rev. C. R. Duggan, D.D.) presided at the annual meeting of seatholders and subscribers of St. John's Cathedral, held in the Cathedral Hall last evening. He was supported by the members of the outgoing Church Body, the Rev. H. Copley Moyle, M.A. (Chaplain), Rev. T. B. Powell, M.A. (Assistant Chaplain), Messrs. A. Dyer Ball, A. H. Compton, George Hogg, H. B. L. Dowbiggin, J. Witcheil, the Hon. Mr. H. E. Pollock, Mr. F. Mason, A.R.C.O., L.T.C.L. (the new organist), and a large gathering including Sir Wm. Rees-Davies (Chief Justice), Sir Claud Severn (Colonial Secretary) and others.

The Bishop, in opening the meeting, said he thought it would be a real strength if each year a social gathering of this sort could be held before the annual meeting. He asked those present to make a special note of two dates: Monday, March 10th, when the Church of England Diocesan Conference began. In the afternoon of that day there would be an open session, when Bishop Moyle would speak, and he hoped as many as possible would attend. March 11th was the date of the Victoria Diocesan Association Reception at the City Hall to meet Bishop Graves of Shanghai and Bishop Norris of Peking. The General Synod was to hold its triennial meeting this year in Canton from March 16th to 23. There would be fifteen or so bishops attending the Synod, and as it was the first time they were meeting in the South, he (the Bishop) was jealous that it should be a great success.

In the name of the Church Body he welcomed three new workers who had just joined their ranks. These were Mr. Mason, the organist, the Rev. T. B. Powell, the assistant Chaplain, and the Rev. Peel. The Bishop went on to speak of the great work these three had come to do, particularly the first named, who would have to fulfill a responsible and important position of organist. He asked for backing for all these men in their work.

The Rev. Copley Moyle (Chaplain) in presenting his report, said the work in the Sunday School at the Peak was reopened in January and the scholars attended throughout the summer. The Cathedral Sunday School was held in the Church Hall, but was closed during the summer. The C.E.M.S. had shown renewed vigour and on one occasion the Rev. Kirk Macdonald and members of his congregation attended, and an interesting discussion took place on the subject of Reunion.

There had been many changes in the staff of the Cathedral and Mr. C. H. Dodson had been appointed vicar. He hoped to retain his services for many years. After 18 years' service Mr. Denman Fuller relinquished his post as organist in April, and the Church to-day has decided to commemorate his services by erecting a brass plate in the Cathedral. He had left for England, and they wished him a prosperous voyage and that his health would be restored. Mr. Temple Bevan, who temporarily took Mr. Fuller's place, threw his accustomed energy into the work. Mr. Mason had now arrived, and they wished him every success. Mr. J. T. Holman ceased to act as assistant Chaplain in the beginning of May, and they were grateful for the three years he spent amongst them. Since the Military parade services had been discontinued, the troops had attended the morning service, and they were fortunate in having the services of the Rev. R. J. Northcote the Army Chaplain as a constant preacher.

He desired to thank all clergy for their help in the Cathedral services, and all those, too numerous to mention, individually, who had given of their time and labour for the work of the Church. The Hon. Secretary of the Cathedral, Mr. A. Dyer Ball, had had an unusual amount of work, and to him, and to Mr. C. Hogg, the Treasurer, they were all most grateful.

Mr. George Hogg (Hon. Treasurer), in presenting the Cathedral accounts for the year, said there was little room for congratulation. Not only had the debit balance increased by \$5,600, but there was an excess expenditure over 1923 of \$7,500. This was accounted for, approximately, by \$2,200 under the heading of "salaries and allowances." The cost of upkeep of the Cathedral had increased by \$800, and there was a new house, connection with the Chaplain's house, totalling \$3,600. There was also an increase of \$1,000 in the amount given away under the heading "special collections," but against these items appeared for the first time for two years "interest on credit balances at the bank." This was collected on the donation for the Chaplain's house.

In facing 1924, continued Mr. Hogg, they might, by exercising economy, be able to make ends meet. The question of special collections was one which would have to receive the attention of the incoming Church Body. It was a matter for regret that donations from the foreign community for Church expenses could not be moved higher than the present level of \$2,500. The Church Body intended financing the present deficit by bringing on to the books the debentures in the Prince's Building and the Land Company. In a few months there would be a sum of \$10,000 placed to their credit, thanks to these debentures.

The following were then elected lay members of the Church Body for 1924: Messrs. H. B. L. Dowbiggin, J. Witcheil, Sir Claud Severn, Messrs. W. L. Fattenden, O. Owen Hughes and Alton. Mr. J. E. Ross was re-elected lay auditor. The Cathedral's delegates at the Diocesan Conference will be: Mrs. Kemp, Mr. Saunders, the Hon. Mr. and Mrs. Pollock, and Mrs. Jackson.

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# COMPANY MEETING. CHINA PROVIDENT LOAN AND MORTGAGE COMPANY.

An extraordinary general meeting of the China Provident Loan and Mortgage Company, Ltd., was held at the offices of Messrs. Shewan, Tomes and Company yesterday morning for the purpose of receiving a report of the proceedings of a previous extraordinary general meeting held on January 14th and of confirming, if thought fit, a number of special resolutions passed at that meeting for the purpose of altering the Articles of Association and for increasing the capital of the Company from \$2,000,000 to \$6,000,000 by the creation of 400,000 additional shares of the nominal value of \$10 each.

Mr. R. G. Shewan presided over the meeting and there were also present: Mr. J. P. Warren, Mr. H. P. White and Mr. Lee Hy San (Consulting Committee), Mr. E. M. da Rocha (Secretary), and the following shareholders: Messrs. H. H. Taylor, A. A. Cordeiro, M. A. Figueiredo, Teo Tan Tai, Tong Hok Ting, and Lau Shiu Chun.

After the minutes of the previous extraordinary general meeting had been read out in full by the Secretary, the CHAIRMAN said: I now propose that these minutes be confirmed and that the resolutions just read and then passed as extraordinary resolutions be now confirmed as Special Resolutions.

This was seconded by Mr. WARREN and carried unanimously.

The CHAIRMAN then said: I further propose that the following resolutions be passed as ordinary resolutions, viz:—

(1) That it is desirable to capitalise the sum of \$2,000,000 being part of the undivided profits of the Company standing to the credit of the Company's reserve fund and accordingly for the purpose of effecting such capitalisation in pursuance of Article XVII of the Company's Articles of Association a bonus of \$1.75 per share on the issued shares of the Company be and the same is hereby declared and that the General Managers be and they are hereby authorised to satisfy such bonus by the distribution amongst the persons who are registered as holders of the Company's present issue of shares of the Company on the 29th day of January, 1924, of Thirty-five of the unissued shares of the Company credited as fully paid up in respect of every two hundred shares of the Company held by such persons as aforesaid and that such new ordinary shares rank *pari passu* with shares already issued as from the date of allotment with regard to dividend and that the General Managers issue to shareholders holding a number of shares which is not two hundred or a multiple of two hundred a fractional certificate in respect of the odd share or shares held by them, and allot one new share to every person who shall produce (within such period as the General Managers shall determine) fractional certificates making in the aggregate a total of one share.

(2) That the whole or any part of the remainder of the unissued shares of the Company be disposed of in such manner at such time or times and upon such terms as the Company's General Managers shall in their absolute discretion think fit.

Mr. H. P. WHITE seconded the proposal which was carried unanimously. This was all the business before the meeting.

# COMPANY REPORT. HUMPHREYS ESTATE & FINANCE CO., LIMITED.

The Report of the Directors for the year ended 31st December, 1923, says:—The Net Profit for that period, after deducting Directors' and General Managers' remuneration and including \$12,746.87 brought forward from last account, amounts to \$468,229.32.

Which the Directors recommend should be appropriated as follows:—

Pay a dividend of 80 cents per share	\$120,000.00
Pay a Bonus of 80 cents per share	120,000.00
Transfer to Reserve Fund	50,000.00
Transfer to Typhoon Floods Insurance Fund	10,000.00
Transfer to Special Repairs and Renewals Account	10,000.00
Carry forward to new Profit and Loss Account	158,229.32
	\$468,229.32

Directors.—In accordance with Clause No. 86 of the Company's Articles of Association, Messrs. J. Scott Harston, W. L. Fattenden, the Very Rev. Father Robert, Hon. Mr. A. O. Lang, and Mr. J. M. Alves retire, but being eligible, offer themselves for re-election.

Auditors.—The accounts have been audited by Messrs. H. Perry Smith, F.C.A., and C. Bernard Brown, A.C.A., and Messrs. Lindsay and Davis offer themselves for election.

At the suggestion of the Bishop it was decided to send to Mr. Fuller, a cable wishing him "God speed" on his voyage home, the cable to meet him at Singapore.

Votes of thanks were passed to Sir Claud Severn, the Hon. Mr. Pollock, the Rev. D. E. Arrowsmith and others who contributed to the musical entertainment, and to the ladies who supervised the catering arrangements.

A short prayer conducted by the Bishop concluded the proceedings.

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## PUBLIC AUCTION.

**PARTICULARS AND CONDITIONS** of the  
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WAR DEPARTMENT CONTRACTS.  
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Twelve Months from 1st APRIL, 1924.  
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Indian Supplies	...	15th February
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Fuel	...	15th do.
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**Q. C. O. B. ASSOCIATION.**  
MEMBERS OF THE QUEEN'S COLLEGE  
OLD BOYS' ASSOCIATION are  
Reminded of the EXTRAORDINARY  
GENERAL MEETING in the College Hall, on  
WEDNESDAY, the 30th inst., at 5.30 p.m.  
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**HUMPHREYS ESTATE AND FINANCE  
COMPANY, LIMITED.**  
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the  
ORDINARY ANNUAL GENERAL  
MEETING OF SHAREHOLDERS IN  
THIS COMPANY will be held at the Hong-  
kong Hotel, Hongkong, on SATURDAY,  
the 9th FEBRUARY, 1924, at 11 a.m., for  
the purpose of receiving the Report of the  
Directors together with a Statement of Ac-  
counts for the year ending 31st December, 1923.  
The TRANSFER BOOKS of the Company  
will be CLOSED from the 1st February to  
the 9th February (both days inclusive), during  
which period No Transfer of Shares can be  
Registered.  
JOHN D. HUMPHREYS & SON,  
General Managers.  
Hongkong, 23rd January, 1924. [235]

**THE BANK OF EAST ASIA, LTD.**  
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the  
FIFTH ORDINARY YEARLY  
MEETING OF SHAREHOLDERS will be  
held at the Registered Office of the Company,  
No. 10, The Vaux Road Central, at 2 p.m.,  
on SATURDAY, the 2nd FEBRUARY,  
1924, for the purpose of receiving the Report  
of the Directors together with a Statement of  
Accounts for the year ending 31st December,  
1923.  
The TRANSFER BOOKS of the Company,  
will be CLOSED from Monday, 31st January,  
to Saturday, 2nd February, 1924 (both days  
inclusive), during which period No Transfer of  
Shares can be registered.  
By Order of the Board of Directors,  
KAN TONG PO,  
Chief Manager.  
Hongkong, 15th January, 1924. [203]

**THE HONGKONG, CANTON AND  
MACAO STEAMBOAT CO., LTD.**

**NOTICE TO SHAREHOLDERS.**  
THE ONE HUNDRED AND FOURTH  
ORDINARY MEETING OF SHARE-  
HOLDERS in the Company will be held at  
the Office of the Company, No. 44, Des Vaux  
Road, on FRIDAY, 1st FEBRUARY, 1924,  
at 12 o'clock Noon, for the purpose of receiv-  
ing a Statement of Accounts, declaring a  
Dividend and electing Directors and Auditors.  
The TRANSFER BOOKS of the Company  
will be CLOSED from Saturday, 18th Janu-  
ary, to Friday, 1st February, 1924, both  
days inclusive, during which period no  
transfer of shares can be registered.  
By Order of the Board of Directors,  
JOHN ARNOLD,  
Secretary.  
Hongkong, 8th January, 1924. [179]

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**NOTICE.**  
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that as  
from JANUARY 27th, 1924, Our Office  
will be REMOVED to  
CHINA BUILDING (Old Post Office Site)  
1st Floor.  
Queen's Road, Central, Hongkong.  
SUZUKI & CO., LTD.,  
Hongkong.  
P.O. Box No. 304.  
Telephone Nos. 464, 468, 3397 and 2453.  
Hongkong, 26th January, 1924. [255]

**HONGKONG JOCKEY CLUB.**  
**NOTICE.**  
AN EXTRAORDINARY GENERAL  
MEETING of the Club will be held in  
the Jockey Club Room, Hongkong Club  
ANNEX, on MONDAY, the 4th FEBRUARY,  
1924, at 5 p.m. for the purpose of confirming  
the resolutions passed at the Extraordinary  
General Meeting held on 10th January, 1924.  
By Order,  
C. B. BROWN,  
Secretary.  
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**WEIHAIWEI SCHOOL.**  
WILL Re-open on JANUARY 28th as  
a Smaller Establishment—A Small  
School for Small Boys. Education under  
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Usual School Games.  
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Diphtheria ... 3 Cases  
Chicken-Pox ... 2 Outbreaks  
H. L. BEER, L.C.M.,  
Headmaster.  
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**NOTICE.**  
A. S. WATSON & CO., LTD.  
ONE Certificate No. 7741 for One Hundred  
Shares Nos. 57651 to 57750 inclusive, in  
this Company, standing in the Name of Mr.  
GEORGE HOWARD MAY (deceased) has  
been LOST, and if at the Expiration of One  
Month from the Date hereof the above Cer-  
tificate be not forthcoming, another Certificate  
for the said Shares will be issued by the Com-  
pany, and thereafter no other will be  
acknowledged.  
A. S. WATSON & CO., LTD.  
Hongkong, 22nd January, 1924. [236]

**HONGKONG & SHANGHAI BANKING  
CORPORATION.**  
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the  
Certificate 5/NS 7044 dated Hongkong  
18th May, 1921, for 10 Shares numbered 84249  
84258 inclusive and Certificate Provisional No.  
57729 dated Hongkong 30th of February,  
1924, for 3 Shares of this Bank numbered  
12311/12319 inclusive, both registered in the  
Name of Mrs. ESTHER FANNY SELBY have  
been Destroyed by Fire, and should these Cer-  
tificates not be produced to the Bank before the  
23rd FEBRUARY, 1924, New Certificates for  
the Shares will be issued, and the aforesaid  
Certificates No. 5/NS 7044 and Provisional  
No. 57729 will be thereafter treated by this  
Corporation as Null and Void.  
By Order of the Board of Directors,  
A. G. STEPHEN,  
Chief Manager.  
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**THE DAIRY FARM, ICE AND COLD  
STORAGE CO., LTD.**  
APPLICATION has been made to the  
Directors of this Company to issue to Mr.  
TANG KWAN SHAN of 15, Arden Road,  
Hongkong, a DUPLICATE CERTIFICATE  
of 153 Shares in the Company or other Cer-  
tificates or Certificates in lieu thereof upon the  
statement that the Original Certificates No.  
2917 in respect of 100 Shares Nos. 182793/  
193882 and No. 3918 in respect of 33 Shares  
Nos. 193883/193925, both dated 15th April,  
1921, have been LOST or DESTROYED, AND  
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that if  
within 30 days from the Date hereof no claim  
or representation in respect of such Original  
Certificates is made to the Directors they will  
proceed to deal with such application for a  
Certificate.  
J. D. THOMSON,  
Acting Secretary.  
2, Lower Albert Road, Hongkong.  
26th January, 1924. [254]

**TO LET.**  
WELL FURNISHED FLAT in TROUBERT  
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from April 3rd.  
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HUMPHREYS ESTATE &  
FINANCE CO., LTD.  
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**PREPAID "WANTED"  
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**NOTICE.**  
THE Underigned is not responsible for  
any Debt contracted by any of his  
Sons.  
HO KOM TONG.  
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**NOTICE.**  
ALL Persons having Claims against the  
Estate of the Late Mr. GEORGE  
BANKER are requested to send the Same to  
the Underigned.  
F. E. NASH,  
Solicitor,  
10, Queen's Road Central.  
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**NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES.**  
ELLERMAN LINE.  
FROM UNITED KINGDOM AND  
CONTINENT.

**THE Steamship**  
"CITY OF GLASGOW"  
having arrived, Consignees of Cargo by her are  
informed that all Goods are being landed  
at their risk into the Godowns and/or  
extra-hazardous Godowns of Holt's Wharf,  
whence delivery may be obtained.  
No Claims will be admitted after the Goods  
have left the Godowns, and all Goods remaining  
undelivered after 1st February, 1924, will be  
subject to sale.  
All Claims against the Steamship must be  
presented to the Underigned on or before  
the 8th February, 1924, or they will not be  
recognized.  
All broken, chafed and damaged Goods are  
to be left in the Godowns, where they will  
be examined on any Tuesdays or Fridays between  
the hours of 10.45 a.m. and Noon within the  
free storage period of one week.  
No Fire Insurance has been effected.  
Bills of Lading will be countersigned by  
THE BANK LINE, LTD.,  
General Agents.  
Hongkong, 26th January, 1924. [253]

**NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES.**  
THE PENINSULAR & ORIENTAL  
STEAM NAVIGATION CO.'S STEAMER  
"KAEEMATA."  
ARRIVED HONGKONG ON 26th JANUARY, 1924.  
FROM ANTWERP, LONDON, MALTA,  
PORTSAID, ALEX. COLOMBO  
AND STRAITS.

**CONSIGNEES** of Cargo by the above-  
named vessel are hereby informed that  
their Goods are being landed and  
placed at their risk in the Hongkong and  
Kowloon Wharf and Godown Company's  
Godowns at Kowloon, where each consignment  
will be sorted out mark by mark and delivery  
can be obtained as the Goods are landed.  
Optimal goods will be landed here unless  
instructions have been given to the contrary  
six hours before arrival of the steamer.  
Goods not cleared within 8 days, including  
date of arrival will be subject to sale.  
No Fire Insurance will be effected by us in  
any case whatever.  
Damaged packages must be left in the  
Godowns for examination by the Consignees, and  
the Company's Surveyors, Messrs. GODDARD  
& DOUGLAS, at 10 a.m. on Mondays and  
Thursdays.  
All Claims must be presented within ten days  
of the Steamer's arrival here, after which date  
they cannot be recognized.  
No Claims will be admitted after the Goods  
have left the Godowns.  
MACKINNON, MACKENZIE & CO.,  
Agents.  
Hongkong, 26th January, 1924. [254]

**NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES.**  
The Steamship "ANNA"  
From TRIESTE, VENICE, BRINDISI,  
SPALATO, MASSAUA, PORT SAID,  
ALEX., COLOMBO, PENANG  
AND SINGAPORE.

**CONSIGNEES** of Cargo are hereby in-  
formed that all Goods are being landed at  
their risk into the Godowns of the Hongkong &  
Kowloon Wharf and Godown Co., Ltd., at Kow-  
loon, whence and/or from the wharves delivery  
may be obtained.  
Optimal Cargo will be for sale unless  
notice to the contrary be given before 3rd inst.  
No Claims will be admitted after the Goods  
have left the Godowns, and all Goods  
remaining undelivered after the 3rd prox. will be  
subject to sale.  
All Claims against the Steamship must be  
presented to the Underigned on or before  
the 13th prox., or they will not be recognized.  
All broken, chafed, and damaged Goods are to  
be left in the Godowns, where they will be  
examined on the 2nd prox. at 10 a.m. by our  
Surveyors, Messrs. GODDARD & DOUGLAS.  
No Fire Insurance has been effected.  
Bills of Lading will be countersigned by  
DODWELL & CO., LTD.,  
Agents.  
Hongkong, 26th January, 1924. [235]

**NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES.**  
OCEAN STEAMSHIP CO., LTD.  
AND  
CHINA MUTUAL STEAM NAVIGATION  
CO., LTD.

**CONSIGNEES** per Company's Steamer  
"PROMETHEUS"  
are hereby notified that the Cargo will be  
discharged into Holt's Wharf, Kowloon, where  
it will be at Consignees' risk and subject  
to terms and conditions of storage at Holt's  
Wharf. The Cargo will be ready for delivery  
from Godown on and after 26th January.  
Optimal cargo will be landed, unless notice  
has been given prior to Steamer's arrival.  
All broken, chafed, and damaged goods  
are to be left in the Godowns, where they will  
be examined on any Tuesdays and Fridays  
between the hours of 10.45 a.m. and Noon,  
within the free storage period.  
No Claims will be admitted after the Goods  
have left the Steamer's Godown, and all Goods  
remaining undelivered after the 2nd February,  
will be subject to sale.  
All Claims against the Steamer must be  
presented to the underigned on or before the  
16th February, or they will not be recognized.  
No Fire Insurance will be effected.  
BUTTERFIELD & SWIRE,  
Agents.  
Hongkong, 26th January, 1924. [266]

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**The Daily Press.**

HONGKONG, JANUARY 30th, 1924.

## THE CHINESE GOVERNMENT'S ANNUAL PROBLEM.

As usual at this time of the year, the  
Chinese news from the North is mainly  
about the difficulties which face the  
Government in Peking in "tidying over  
China New Year." The position of  
Finance Minister is not an enviable one,  
and we have learnt from the cables  
during the past month something of the  
difficulty experienced in getting "the  
right man" to accept the portfolio.  
"The right man" is the man who knows  
how to raise the money needed "to tide  
over the new year." A Chinese news  
agency a fortnight ago informed us that:  
"As Mr. PAN YUAN LIEN has refused to  
accept the post of Minister of Finance  
and Mr. TANG, Vice-Minister, has re-  
signed on account of illness, there is none  
to look after the interest of the Ministry  
or raise funds for its maintenance.  
Members of the staff have been left  
unpaid for a long time and in the  
Accounts Department there was only a  
small sum of a few hundred dollars left,  
which was used yesterday for the pay-  
ment of the servants of the various  
Departments. Therefore, there is now  
not a single cent left in its safe." Since  
then the extremity of the need of funds  
has been emphasised by the announce-  
ment that "the cook of the Cabinet  
Office has notified the Chief of the  
General Affairs Department that unless  
he is paid within a week, he will not  
be in a position to provide meals for the  
Ministers and Secretaries any longer."  
There is no news yet that they have all  
died of starvation, so we suppose that,  
by hook or by crook, the cook's demand  
for money has been met. We know now  
that after weeks of persuasion Mr. WANG  
KUN MIN has been induced to return to  
the office. Mr. Wang had resigned on  
the plea of illness, and early in the  
present month he was writing to his old

colleagues who were pressing him to  
return, saying that prospects had become  
more gloomy, and his illness much worse  
(in consequence!) and that it would be  
an act of gross inconsistency for him to  
withdraw his resignation. Meanwhile,  
the Tientsin Party was urging the ap-  
pointment of another and it was reported  
that when the President was consulted  
he expressed the opinion that it was a  
matter of indifference to him who was  
selected, so long as the problem of  
raising sufficient funds to tide over the  
difficulties at the end of the lunar year  
was solved. Mr. WANG was eventually  
induced to come out of his shell and  
accept the responsibility. On paper the  
Cabinet recently formed at Peking  
appears very promising, but how long it  
will survive after the New Year  
difficulties are surmounted is problem-  
atical. There is every indication that  
WANG KUN MIN is likely to share the  
fate of LIANG SHIN YI who was induced  
in similar circumstances to accept the  
portfolio of Finance a year ago. "The  
God of Wealth," as he is popularly  
termed, was regarded as the only man  
in China who could find the money  
needed to tide over the New Year settle-  
ment. No sooner had that been done than  
a movement was successfully engineered  
to oust him from office. And so now,  
while we are being told that it is the  
firm belief of the Chihli party that Mr.  
WANG KUN MIN is the only man in sight  
who can bring financial relief, the anti-  
Government party in the House of  
Representatives pay a tribute to his  
strength by campaigning against him  
"in order to annoy the Militarists and  
undermine the Cabinet of SUN PAO CHAI."  
Much is expected of the new Cabinet.  
Its promises are large at least, Mr.  
SUN, like Mr. RAMSAY MACDONALD, has  
begun by reforming the Cabinet system,  
and after the new year festivities are  
over we are promised regular meetings  
of the Cabinet with the Departmental  
Chiefs and representatives of the pro-  
vincial civil and military authorities, at  
which such questions will be considered  
as the reduction of troops, reunification  
of the North and South, the settlement of  
foreign and domestic loans questions, the  
improvement of the civil administration  
of education. It makes excellent reading  
but when we recall that these things have  
been in the programme of every new  
Cabinet that has been formed in Peking  
in the past decade, and that in every  
respect conditions have grown steadily  
worse in spite of the rich promises of  
each new Government, it is hardly  
possible to feel very optimistic; but we  
can, at least, hope that Mr. SUN PAO  
CHAI's Cabinet will succeed where its  
predecessors have so signally failed.

On Tuesday afternoon Lady Stubbs  
gave a small children's party. About  
fifty children, between the ages of two  
to four years, were invited.  
A musicale will be held at the Helena  
May Institute, on Thursday, 31st inst.  
Tea served from 4.30 p.m. Tickets 50 cts.  
each.—ADT.  
Lady Brunyate will distribute cups to  
scholarship winners and other pupils of  
the St. Stephen's Girls' College this even-  
ing. A concert will also be held, com-  
mencing at 8 p.m.  
Those ladies who have not already sent  
in their names and addresses for inclu-  
sion in the 1924 issue of "The Directory  
and Who's Who for China, Japan, etc."  
are asked to repair the omission with-  
out delay, as the Hongkong section of the  
volume is about to go to press.  
His Excellency and Lady Stubbs, ac-  
companied by Capt. R. Neville, A.D.C.,  
will leave Hongkong in the *President  
Jackson* at 5 p.m. on Friday, February  
1st, for Manila, Philippines Islands, where  
they will be the guests of Governor-  
General Leonard Wood until February  
9th, when they intend to return by the  
*President Taft* arriving at Hongkong  
at daylight on February 11th.

On Monday night His Excellency and  
Lady Stubbs entertained the following to  
dinner at Government House:—Engineer-  
Capt. and Mrs. Brown, Lieut.-Colonel  
and Mrs. Bird, Mr. and Mrs. Hollings-  
worth, Mr. Swire, Paymaster-Commander  
and Mrs. Padwick, Commander Ingham,  
Mr. and Mrs. Edkins, Mr. and Mrs.  
Lindell, Mr. Wade, Mr. Ferguson, Mr.  
Turner, and Mr. and Mrs. Franks.  
An estate agent of No. 9, Wyndham  
Street, has reported to the police that at  
5 p.m. on the 28th inst., an old acquaint-  
ance of his met him and demanded  
money. The Estate Agent refused to  
oblige whereupon his former acquaintance  
drew a dagger and threatened him. He  
struggled with his opponent, who dropped  
the dagger. When he blew a police  
whistle the man bolted, leaving the  
dagger and his coat, which had been  
pulled off in the struggle, on the ground.

## TO-DAY'S PIRACY.

A LOCAL STEAM LAUNCH  
TACKLED.

## ROBBERS' EASY HAIL.

The latest piracy story to reach Hong-  
kong concerns a local steam launch plying  
with passengers between here and  
Hau-Hai. The boat reached Hongkong  
yesterday afternoon with the assistant  
coxswain in command.  
His narrative was to the effect that his  
launch left Hongkong about midnight on  
the 28th inst. His destination was Hau-Hai.  
There were 80 passengers aboard, and  
some miscellaneous cargo. The launch  
got to Hau-Hai. Then, suddenly, fifteen  
men or so came aboard, overpowered two  
watchmen, and covered the passengers  
and crew with their guns. The boatswain  
was given orders to steer towards Pak  
Shek. About fifteen minutes later the  
launch ran aground. The pirates search-  
ed all the passengers, and then lowered  
themselves into a sampans, compelling the  
coxswain and the compradors to go with  
them.  
The pirates disappeared in the direc-  
tion of Pak Shek.  
According to an eye-witness of the  
affair the sampans had not gone far be-  
fore they were engaged by the steam launch  
Zee Fat, which opened fire on the pirates.  
For a while a regular small arms battle  
raged, but it appears that the sampans  
managed to sail out of range without  
suffering any casualties.  
To Yan, the assistant coxswain who  
brought the story to Hongkong is unable  
to say what property the pirates took  
from the launch and has no idea of the  
value of the loot secured from the pas-  
sengers.

## ACCIDENTS.

An old man, aged 89 years, accident-  
ally fell down stairs at his home at Upper  
Station Street, on Monday. He was  
picked up in an unconscious state and on  
arrival at the Tung Wah Hospital he was  
found to be dead.  
A little girl, seven years of age, in  
attempting to alight from a tram-car  
whilst it was in motion on the "Praya  
East on Monday, was thrown heavily to  
the ground and rendered unconscious,  
necessitating her removal to the Govern-  
ment Civil Hospital.  
Yip Kam, aged 30, of No. 343, Queen's  
Road West, was knocked down in Queen's  
Road by a motor-car belonging to Mr.  
U. Ki of 24, Bonham Road, on Monday,  
but was only slightly injured.

## SONGS OF A FLAT.

## II.—HINTS ON BEHAVIOUR.

(No local or personal allusions whatever  
are intended.)  
For local folk who live in flats  
One method only of behaviour  
Preserve your perfect peace, and that's  
The one that now I preach, your saviour.  
Attend to me—that is, if you'd  
Achieve supreme beatitude.  
Placidity! There lies the key  
That opens wide a sunlit vista.  
Therewith, tho' in a flat, you'll be  
Like Righteousness when Peace has kiss-  
ed her.  
Wise judges never will commend  
Folk who go off the deeper end.  
When Government puts up your rates,  
(A well-known bureaucratic lethargy.)  
And, when you seek relief, one states,  
"It can't be done," in tones Cadaverous:  
Don't give your angry passions vent;  
Just whisper "Labour Government."  
When shroffs suggest one's rent is due,  
One's language should not be improper.  
One should not use a 32.  
Or aggravate them with a chopper.  
The best-bred people never do,  
So why should—or even you?  
Above my flat there lived a hound  
Whose ways were mean—his master  
meant.  
Did I with rage and fury bound?  
Not so. I thought a young lyncyn  
Without one murmur of aggr.  
(The upstairs flat is now to let.)  
When next-door children's yells are  
howls  
Re-echo wildly through the building,  
Restrain all misanthropic growls,  
Although the pill does need some glidin'  
Just leave the little dears alone,  
And start some babies of your own.  
So, when your time shall come to die,  
And pass whence there is no returning  
When mournful friends all pipe in  
eye,  
And you, no doubt, below are burning  
Your epitaph shall tell us that,  
You had (and were) a perfect flat.  
E.W.F.

In appreciation of "good, smart"  
by the Hongkong Police, Mr. G.  
Kararjia, of Shameen (Canton) asks  
the publication of the following story:  
Saturday morning last, on coming of  
a barber's shop in Kowloon, I noticed  
my very valuable diamond ring mi-  
ssed from my ring on my finger. I  
reported the loss to the Hong  
Police headquarters. Detectives were  
sent round, the police sea-  
gins and watched and a description  
of the diamond was circulated. I gave  
as lost. But next morning, a Ko  
European Police Officer placed in  
diamond in my hand to my sur-  
prise. It seems that the Ko  
police had gone to work at once  
men who found it presumably gave  
diamond to the Police. The man  
was suitably rewarded.



# BRITISH RAILWAY STRIKE SETTLED.

RESULT OF AN ALL-NIGHT CONFERENCE.

## THE SECRETARY FOR COLONIES.

"ANOTHER SHELL-SHOCK PATIENT."

## LATE GEN. PEREIRA'S COMPANION CAPTURED BY BANDITS.

LATEST CABLES.

[THROUGH REUTER'S AGENCY.]

### RAILWAY STRIKE SETTLED.

LONDON, January 29th.  
The railway strike has been settled.  
AN ALL-NIGHT CONFERENCE.

LATER.  
The settlement of the strike was first published in the form of a brief official statement at the close of an all-night conference of Locomotive Managers and officials of the Locomotivemen's Union, with a Mediation Committee in attendance. The conference assembled shortly before midnight and keenly debated the points at issue until close on five o'clock in the morning.

The terms of the settlement are not yet available, but Mr. Bromley says these are very satisfactory to the men and steps will be immediately taken in hand for the resumption of work.

Union officials anticipate an almost normal service to-night.

EARLIER CABLES.

### NO TANGIBLE RESULTS FROM NEGOTIATIONS.

LONDON, January 29th.  
Negotiations not having hitherto produced tangible results, the secretary of the locomotive men declared that his executive was considering intensifying the fight.

### BOMBAY MILL STRIKE.

BOMBAY, January 29th.  
A strike in the standard mills due to non-payment of the workers' bonus is extending. Thirty-two of eighty-five mills in Bombay have closed down, rendering idle sixty thousand operatives. It is expected that all the mills will cease work to-morrow.

LATEST CABLES.

### FOOT AND MOUTH DISEASE A BRIGHTER OUTLOOK.

LONDON, January 29th.  
There are signs that the foot and mouth outbreak has been subdued, as there were only forty-six cases last week, the fewest since September 27th.

### HUNGARY'S FINANCES.

### RECONSTRUCTION COMMISSIONER APPOINTED.

LONDON, January 29th.  
The Daily Telegraph's diplomatic correspondent states that the Commissioner-General for the supervision of Hungary's finances, under the reconstruction scheme will be Mr. W. P. G. Harding, of the Federal Reserve Board, Washington. The appointment is everywhere welcomed by financial circles.

### GOVERNMENTS INTEREST IN ANGLO-PERSIAN OIL CO.

LONDON, January 29th.  
The Chancellor of the Exchequer has announced that the British Government has decided that it is not prepared to dispose of Government shareholding in the Anglo-Persian Oil Company.

### FRENCH LOAN TO RUMANIA.

PARIS, January 29th.  
It is semi-officially denied that the Rumanian Government declined the loan mentioned in a cable message dated January 29th, to which France had already agreed.

[The cable message referred to stated: "The Rumanian Government has decided to cancel its request to France for a loan of one hundred million francs to which it is understood the French Government was favourable."]

EARLIER CABLES.

### EMPIRE NAVAL CRUISE.

TRINCOMALI, January 29th.  
A feature of the visit by the British cruiser squadron, which arrived during the week-end, has been the daily crowds of all races, hundreds flocking in from districts over a hundred miles distant.

## PALATINATE PROBLEM. SEPARATIST MOVEMENT LIKELY TO BE ABANDONED.

PARIS, January 29th.  
It is understood that the Government has proposed to Britain that the question of the maintenance of order in the Palatinate and the security of French troops there be submitted to the Conference of Ambassadors. The *Temps* admits that the Separatist movements have all been a fiasco, and adds that the movement in the Palatinate is apparently to be abandoned.

## RUSSIAN UNREST.

### LACK OF DISCIPLINE IN RED ARMY.

WARSAW, January 29th.  
It is reported from Moscow that there is great unrest in the army, partly in consequence of the death of Lenin. The barracks have become the scene of political disputes, and lack of discipline is manifest. It is added that the central authorities are alarmed and are sending suspected battalions to the furthest provinces of Siberia. The garrison of Moscow has been reinforced by troops from the western frontier.

## ITALO-YUGO-SLAVIAN PACT.

ROME, January 29th.  
According to the newspapers, the Italo-Yugo-Slavian treaty of friendship stipulates reciprocal neutrality in case of war, also, at Yugo-Slavia's request, it provides for co-operation in economic and military defence, thereby giving a special character to the Italo-Yugo-Slav relations in all political problems in Central Europe and the Balkans.

## OLYMPIC WINTER GAMES.

CHAMONIX, January 29th.  
In the Olympic ice hockey contest, the United States beat Belgium by 10 to nil, and Sweden beat Switzerland by 9 to nil. Canada defeated Czechoslovakia at ice hockey by the huge total of 30 goals to nil.

## OBITUARY.

### DR. MARCUS HARTOG.

LONDON, January 29th.  
The death is announced of Dr. Marcus Hartog. [Marcus Hartog, M.A., D.C.C., F.R.S., Hon. F.R.H.S., was a noted botanist and zoologist, and authority on biological sciences. He also made special studies of physics.]

EARLIER CABLES.

### U.S. OIL LEASES INQUIRY.

### MR. DENBY'S RESIGNATION DEMANDED.

WASHINGTON, January 29th.  
The House of Representatives appropriations committee has reported on a bill providing President Coolidge with a fund of a hundred thousand dollars to cover the legal costs of any prosecution necessary in the oil lease case. The Senate has discussed a resolution presented by the Democrat Mr. Walsh favouring the annulment of the leases. Mr. Walsh declared that unless the resignation of Navy Secretary Denby be in the hands of the President by sundown, he would seek the Senate's action to remove the present head of the Navy Department.

OTHER RESIGNATIONS POSSIBLE.  
The Democratic leader, Senator Robinson, moved a resolution expressing the Senate's view that President Coolidge should request the resignation of Mr. Denby. He also proposed that the President should demand the resignations of other Navy Department officials and officers whose relations with the oil reserve leases indicate malfeasance in office. The motion went over, under the rules of the House.

### FATALITIES IN A LODGING HOUSE.

PAWTUCKET, Rhode Island, Jan. 29th.  
Fifteen deaths have resulted from a double explosion in a lodging house believed to be due to ignition of dynamite stored in the cellar by a woodcutter.

### REDUCED AMERICAN PRODUCTION.

NEW YORK, January 29th.  
According to the Federal Reserve Board's monthly statement, the production of basic commodities declined four per cent. in December to the lowest point of the year, reflecting principally the reduced consumption in the cotton industries. There were also reductions in the woolen, petroleum, and sugar industries. The production of pig iron increased. The volume of wholesale trade decreased.

### U.S. MINE TRAGEDY.

SHASTOWN, January 29th.  
Thirty-one bodies have been recovered from the Lancaire Mine. Four miners, including the foreman, are still missing and are believed to have been drowned. Further search has been abandoned owing to the rapid rise of the water. The majority of the victims were married men.

### U.S. INCOME TAX REDUCED.

WASHINGTON, January 29th.  
The Committee of the House of Representatives has voted 25 per cent. reduction in the tax on unearned incomes up to \$20,000. Income under \$5,000 are classified for the purposes of reduction as earned.

## FAR EASTERN CABLE NEWS.

[THROUGH REUTER'S AGENCY.]

### DR. THOMPSON CAPTURED BY AND. BANDITS.

PEKING, January 29th.  
Dr. Thompson, who was on the way to Peking with the object of handing over Brigadier-General Pereira's belongings and making a full report regarding the latter's death, was captured by bandits on January 24th at Paotowchen, some distance westward of the Peking-Suiyuan terminus. Dr. Thompson's last report said he hoped to reach Peking on January 24th.

[BY COURTESY OF "THE DAILY BULLETIN"]

### CHINESE TRADE MARKS BILLS.

SHANGHAI, January 29th.  
The *N.C. Daily News* says that dismay has been caused among foreign business firms by an Eastern News Agency telegram from Peking stating that the Diplomatic Corps are preparing to accept the new Chinese Trade Marks Bill.

It is believed that unless the modifications are of a strong nature grave injury will result to foreign business.

From inquiries wired to Peking, it is learned that a meeting of the foreign merchants there will be held this evening to consider the question, and to decide what action be taken unless a satisfactory reply is received.

### PLOT TO SEIZE CHINESE WARSHIPS.

PEKING, January 29th.  
Foreign telegrams from Nanking state that on the night of the 28th inst., while the senior officers were ashore, the junior officers and men on board the gunboats *Chutai* and *Kiangli* plotted to take the vessels to Shanghai. Information, however, reached the naval headquarters at Nanking, and reliable men were sent on board, while gendarmes and police were stationed on the river banks.

Admiral Tu Hsi Kuei subsequently paid the men's wages from his own funds, and a court-martial was held the following day, the results of which have not yet been reported.

The men stated that the non-payment of their wages was their only grievance.

### BRITISH STEAMER SUNK.

TOKYO, January 29th.  
It is reported that the British steamer *Mary Horlock* was sunk in 32-01 degrees North latitude and 133-45 West longitude. All hands were saved by the *President* Toff.

### FELLOW-WORKER IN LABOURS CAUSE.

### DR. SUN'S MESSAGE TO MR. RAMSAY MACDONALD.

Dr. Sun Yat Sen has cabled the following message to Mr. Ramsay MacDonald: "Permit a fellow-worker in the cause of Labour to send you fraternal greetings and hail your Party's accession to power as marking a new era, not only in English history but in the secular affairs of nations." "We look to you to deal with China, not as if she were still a conquered nation of the days of opium wars and Boxer outbreak (which has seemed to be the implicit or unconscious attitude of your predecessors in foreign office and successive British Ministers to this country) but as the home of a people whose civilizing work in Asia, both as conqueror and teacher, entitles them to at least the same treatment now accorded to nations whose sovereignty has been freed of pre-war fetters. And in particular, I have to ask you to examine afresh the fanciful views which some of your official superordinates hold of me as a Labour leader, and a Socialist."

—SUN YAT SEN.

So far as can be seen at present, the position of Dean of the Diplomatic Body in Peking will change six times in 1924, *Far Eastern Times* prophesies. Upon the departure of M. Oudendyck, the Netherlands Minister, next month, his duties as senior minister will pass to M. Barnett, the Cuban Minister, who intends to go on leave in March. Thereupon the *decan* goes to M. Everts, the Belgian Minister, for one month, as he is due to leave shortly afterwards for Europe. The next senior on the diplomatic list is the Spanish Minister, Marquis de Fuentes, who in June or July intends to leave Peking for good. The hands will then go to Dr. Schurman, the American Minister, and remain in his hands until the return of M. Baltha de Freitas, the Portuguese Minister, who is the *decan* titulaire and due to return in October.

## RICE CARGOES AT CANTON. ARMED FORCES TO PROTECT UNLOADING.

In spite of the strict orders given by the Governor to stop strikers in the rice industry from interfering with the unloading of rice cargoes from the ships and godowns, says the *Canton Gazette*, the labour guilds are still sending so-called "inspectors" to watch at the different wharves and anchorages so as to prevent by force other labourers from doing the work of unloading goods for the rice merchants. Yesterday (Monday) the Chong Shing rice shop in Wongsha went to unload a shipment of rice, which the shop had ordered from a rice dealer in Shaker several days ago, from a rice junk, but was prevented by the labour guild men. Later a detachment of soldiers was brought to the scene by the rice dealer and when the strikers refused again to hearken to the warning of the soldiers, a few of them were hurled into the river. After this the cargoes were unloaded without further molestation.

The Governor was again petitioned by the Charitable Institutions in Canton requesting him to take measures to prevent the strikers from interfering in the unloading of the goods by rice merchants, as the interference greatly affects the daily supply for the needs of the whole population in Canton. It is reported, that the Governor will see that the orders formerly issued are observed by the strikers, or drastic action will be taken.

### THE MILITIA TO BE EMPLOYED.

Upon receipt of an official letter from the rice dealers' guild, a meeting was held at the Headquarters of the Merchants' Militia to discuss whether they should send their men to protect the merchants in unloading rice from ships or godowns. It was resolved that the militia should protect the merchants and thus protect the inhabitants of Canton from the high-price of rice. The meeting therefore decided to send the militia to the wharves and rice ships to protect the rice merchants from any interference by the strikers, but will take no side in the dispute between the labourers and the capitalists.

### RICE IN CANTON.

Several weeks ago, before the rice strike in Canton had been declared, rice was sold at 12 to 13 catties to the dollar. The rice shops would deliver even 80 cents worth of rice to the buyer's house. At present 50 cents rice is a small package wrapped with a piece of an old newspaper and shops do not undertake deliveries. According to the vernacular Press, there were one hundred thousand bags of rice in Canton yesterday, which, at the rate of present consumption, would not last very long.

## THE KUOMINTANG CONGRESS AT CANTON.

### CABLE TO BRITISH PREMIER.

The following cable has been dispatched by the Kuomintang Congress to the British Prime Minister:—  
Right Honourable Ramsay MacDonald, London.

National Conference Kuo-min-tang representing every province and territory in China and Chinese overseas now in session Canton passed following resolution:—  
Whereas programme this party in promoting democracy improving social welfare of people is in many respects similar to that of British Labour Party;

Whereas latter has recently gained triumph unprecedented in British history; Whereas China, potentially greatest in world and immediately requiring machinery and implements for economic development can materially assist British Labour Government solution economic problems, particularly unemployment;

And whereas China's political and economic development is now retarded by militarists and reactionaries dominating major portion of country and in particular Peking;

Resolved: that telegram be sent distinguished leader British Labour Party congratulating him add his party for success and expressing hope that British policy in China will no longer support militarism and reaction but will provide every opportunity for unhampered development of Chinese democracy and liberalism.

Major and Bt. Major-Col. A. McMunn, R.A.M.C., who was stationed in Hongkong when the war broke out and later served at Mudros, has been promoted substantive Lieutenant-Colonel. He entered the Army in 1901 having for six months previously served with the forces as a civil surgeon. He won his brevet and the O.B.E. in the Great War, and also had field service in South Africa.

## THE PRESS IN THE EAST. THE IMPRESSIONS OF SIR RODERICK JONES.

Sir Roderick Jones, Head of Reuter's Ltd., was interviewed at Singapore by a representative of the *Straits Times*. The following is an extract from the report of the interview:—

"Just one final question, Sir Roderick, what are your impressions of the news cable services in the East?"  
"As they are all Reuter's," said Sir Roderick laughing, "I naturally think they are very fine services though not incapable of improvement. Reuter's want to go on giving better and better services. But that is a question of money—a question, largely, of what the combined Press in the Far East can afford to pay. What would be perhaps simpler," continued Sir Roderick with a smile, "would be to ask me about the newspapers of the Far East, including Singapore. My reply would be that, considering the difficulties the English printed newspapers have to contend with and the relatively small reading public which they have, the newspapers are very fine productions indeed. They are conducted as far as I have seen them on the editorial side with judgment and sobriety and on the news side there is a most refreshing absence of the yellow journalism, which obscures itself in some parts of the world. Taking the British Press of the Far East as a whole it is a conservative Press—I mean in the journalistic sense, not in the political sense. It is very proper that this should be so. It undoubtedly results from the sense of responsibility which British journalists possess in the Far East *vis-a-vis* the growing vernacular Press in different countries in the Far East. That vernacular Press is bound to be influenced by the English standard of journalism, and consciously or unconsciously is shaping itself upon the model of the British newspapers conducted in its midst."

## THE BANQUE INDUSTRIELLE CHINESE GRIEVANCE.

The Asiatic News Agency says:—  
When the Banque Industrielle de Chine closed its doors a couple of years ago, the Chinese bankers associations in Peking, Tientsin, Shanghai, Hankow, Canton and Mukden undertook to cash its banknotes to the amount of nearly three million dollars, and it was agreed that this money would be re-paid to the Chinese bankers when the French bank reopened its business in China. Now the Chinese bankers have been informed by the French authorities that this money will not be refunded until the gold franc controversy between France and China is settled. The Chinese creditors are dissatisfied because their agreement with the Banque, which was endorsed by the French Legation, has nothing to do with the gold franc question at all, and consequently, they are pressing for settlement. Furthermore, the majority of the Chinese depositors and other creditors of the Banque are perturbed over the condition of the bank and they will hold a conference to discuss ways and means for the protection of their interests.

## HIGH BUILDINGS AND BUSY STREETS.

### SKYSCRAPERS NO USE FOR LONDON.

Mr. Raymond Unwin, F.R.I.B.A., chief town-planning adviser to the Ministry of Health, who in response to invitations, recently visited America to help in town planning, says that the Americans are trying to discard the "upward" method of expanding their cities.

Unlike many people who have returned from the United States to London with glowing references to skyscrapers, Mr. Unwin has brought back a grave warning against building "up." In a paper, "Higher Buildings in Relation to Town Planning," which he read at the general meeting of the Royal Institute of British Architects, he said: "With every added storey the effective floor area per storey is reduced, while the cost per square foot is increased; the greater proportional number of lifts required take their toll of space from each of an increasing number of floors. You do not dispense with transportation by going up. You merely change the horizontally moving omnibus for the vertically travelling lift, and incidentally make walking for even short distances far more difficult. Every storey added tends to darken all the floors below. Spite of the bright light of New York, the number of dark rooms in a building must always be used is far greater than with us. The consequent injury to health and loss of efficiency is said to be serious; eyestrain is injured, tuberculosis and other diseases are encouraged."

The effect which higher buildings have in causing more crowding on street spaces is one of Mr. Unwin's biggest arguments against building upwards. Mr. Unwin urged that it should be realised in London that increased height means increased traffic congestion. Comparing Chicago with London he said: "If the land in the City of London should ever be used to the same degree of intensity, I estimate the day population would be 1,345,000 instead of 416,120. In that case the narrow streets of the City would have to carry 4 or 5 times the present volume of traffic, which is already far in excess of their comfortable capacity."

Taking the country as a whole, only 71 per cent. of the electors recorded their votes at the recent General Election. In the London boroughs the figure fell to 60 per cent. Welsh boroughs stood higher, with 79 per cent.



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## IN THE HANDS OF BANDITS. STORY OF MRS. KILEN'S CAPTURE AND RESCUE.

LADY'S REMARKABLE COURAGE

PEKING, January 21st.

The outstanding feature of Mrs. Kilen's recent captivity was her wonderful fortitude in circumstances that would have been extremely trying to a robust man, said Major Magruder in speaking to representatives of the Press to-day.

In the march from Tsao-yang the bandits struck northward, avoiding the highways and populous centres where strong forces of soldiers might be expected to be lying in wait. Over mountains and valleys the ragged army pressed forward, yet there were no troops in their rear and their desire to rush to the north has not yet been explained.

The main bandit force of seasoned outlaws was divided into units that worked under Lao Yang-jen with military precision. Mrs. Kilen was handed over to one of the units and she remained with it until her "release." Most of the force were on foot, but a mounted unit carried out in advance, flank and rear guard duties with real efficiency, each guard having a connecting file to pass information to Lao without interrupting the main body's advance. The bandits turned east with the intention of crossing the line, but they were again to turn to the west with the intention of entering Szechwan, but they had not come far when their rear was fired on by troops on a mountain and they once more turned back. On no occasion did they make any serious attempt to overcome the troops, which was probably due to the fact that they had very little ammunition, none of the small towns and villages sacked having yielded much ammunition.

The bandits devastated a strip of country about a mile wide as they rushed away from the south. Any opposition was met with immediate death. Numbers of houses were burned and with them all the supplies of the inhabitants. The consequence was that the people thus ruined, faced with starvation, went along with the bandit horde, whose numbers were thus continually swelled. It is said to have totalled some twenty thousand men, women and children when it was eventually broken and dispersed. Of these about eight thousand men carried arms.

Asked how many of the band escaped, Marshal Wu Pei-fu's officer said about a thousand, all men of Lao's old guard. With daily reports of the bandits' movements coming in Marshal Wu allowed them to come northward until they came into the loop of a line of troops spread north-west and south in the shape of a fish hook. There they turned first to the west, then south and then east, ways finding troops ahead. They then began to ring like a mob of sheep with no outlet. There the soldiers made a general attack, in which a brigade of Wu Pei-fu's own 3rd Division took part. There Lao Yang-jen died. As far as can be ascertained he was mortally wounded by the troops, his head being afterwards brought in by some of his own men in the hope of thus buying freedom. When they saw that the column was doomed Lao's old men endeavoured to get away in small bands, while the people who had joined from sheer necessity readily surrendered. What to do with these thousands is a problem for Marshal Wu.

At first Mrs. Kilen suffered acutely. Knowing Chinese she heard her captors continually making offensive personal remarks. She was always under close personal supervision, and the strain told heavily for some days, but as time wore on she learned to take no notice of what was said. The march itself called for tremendous physical endurance. Her description of the bandit column on the march was interesting. The unit she was attached to occupied the middle of the force. Looking ahead once, she saw a stream of people wearing all sorts of dress, with a motley collection of arms and equipment, toiling up the side of a mountain, their faces eager and strained with anxiety to cover as much ground as possible as quickly as they could. In the rear similar groups pushed forward as fast as human endurance would permit, each loaded with something of value either to the force or themselves. Yet the column covered approximately a hundred li a day.

In a group of ruthless outlaws such as these it is surprising that no greater personal indignities were offered to the captive, but this seems to have been due principally to the impression Mrs. Kilen gave these men of her simple faith. On three occasions, however, she was threatened with death, apparently because the troops were making the situation so hot that the bandits came to the conclusion that if they got rid of their captive, they could inform the soldiers that she was dead, and so the activities of the troops might cease.

On one occasion, as they were going down a steep hill, her captors resolved among themselves that she should be killed. They discussed the matter quite openly and told off an old man to perform the unwelcome task. When they reached the foot of the hill the old man led Mrs. Kilen into a pretty glade, where the sun shone on a clear rippling stream trickling down a narrow valley. The columns had halted. Mrs. Kilen turned to the old man and said: "Why do you want to kill me? I am not afraid to die, but it will do you no good."

He replied: "You are a good woman. I cannot kill you."

Thereupon he took her back to the column and said to his comrades: "I cannot do this thing." Just then the column moved onward, and the incident was forgotten for the time. Two similar experiences occurred during the march.

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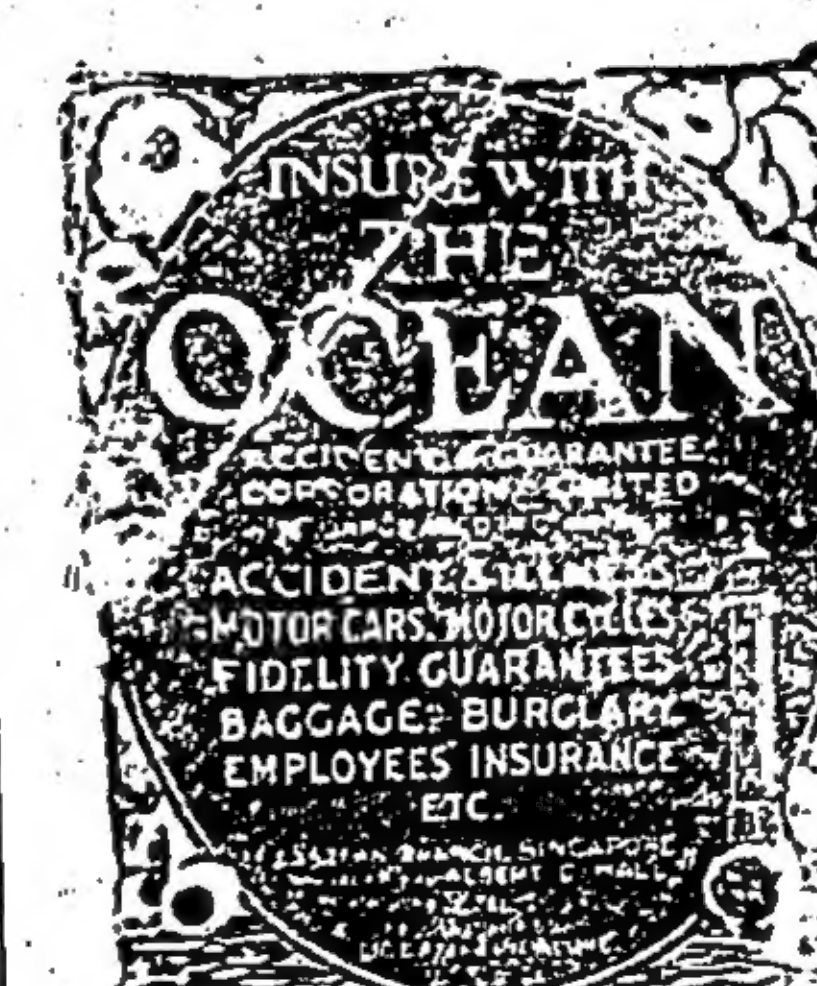
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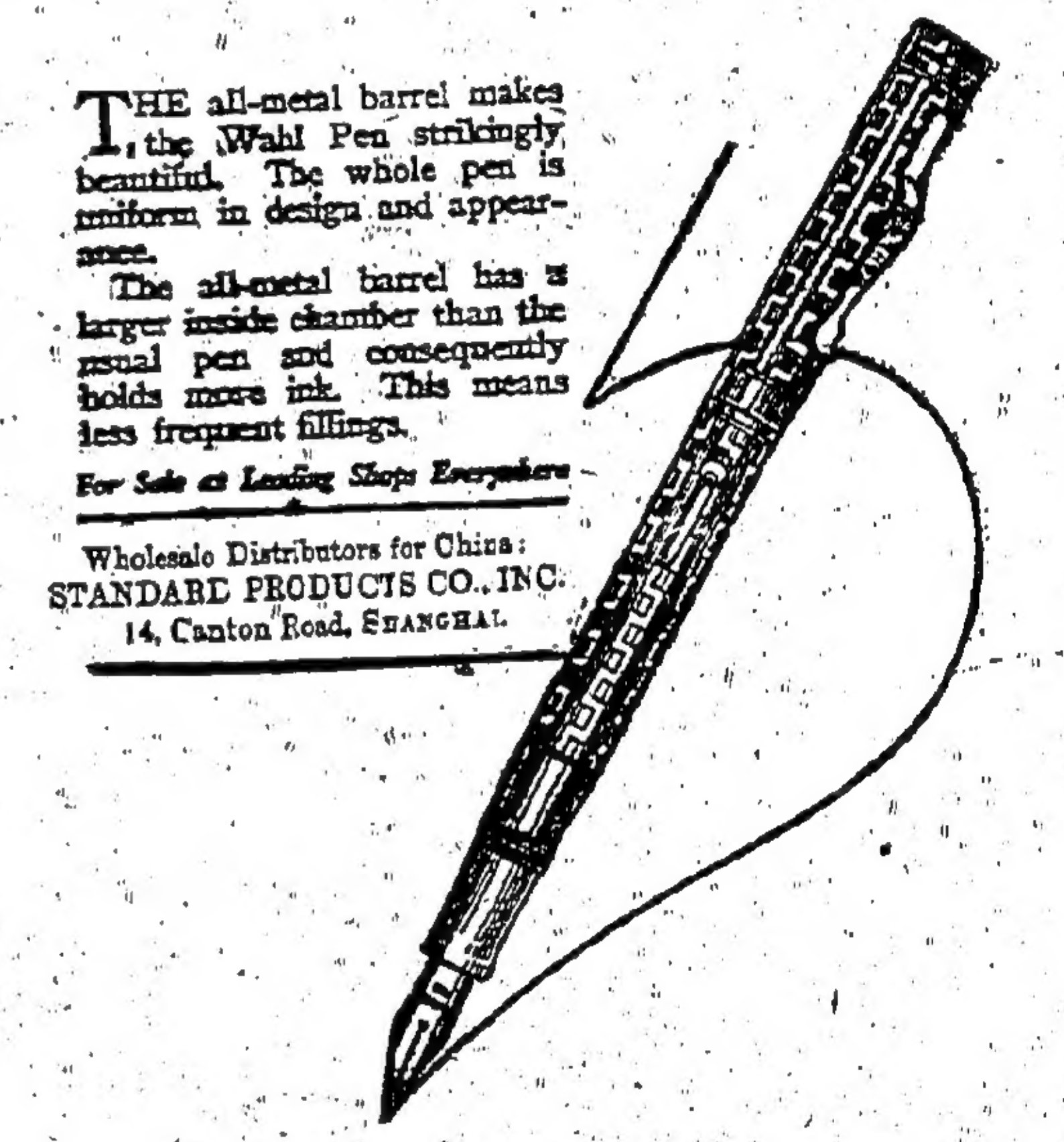
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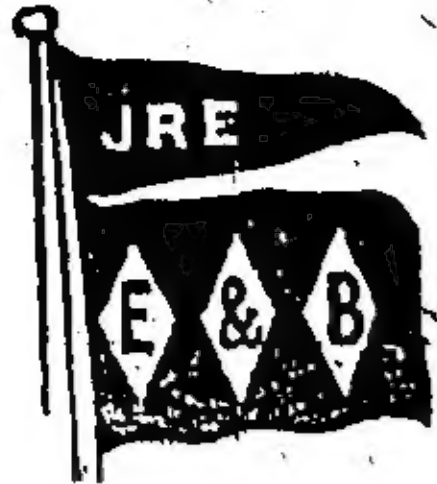






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"NAGPORE"	5,235	4th March	Singapore, Colombo & Bombay.
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"KIDDERPORE"	4,334	10th March	Singapore, Colombo & Bombay.
"NALLDERA"	15,993	22nd March	B'way, Mars., L'don. & Antwerp.
"PADUA"	5,807	23rd March	Spore, Penang, Colombo & B'way.
"SICILIA"	6,813	28th March	Marseilles, London & Antwerp.
"KHYBER"	9,014	6th April	do.
"CHINA"	7,953	13th April	Spore, Penang, Colombo & B'way.
"SOUHAN"	6,896	26th April	Marseilles, London & Antwerp.
"KALYAN"	9,118	3rd May	do.
"PLASSY"	7,425	17th May	do.
"KASHMIR"	9,053	24th May	Mars., London & Antwerp.
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"CHINA"	7,953	8th Mar.	Moji & Kobe.
"ARAFURA"	6,000	8th Mar.	Shanghai, Moji & Kobe.
"SICILIA"	6,813	13th Mar.	Shanghai.
"KALYAN"	9,118	22nd Mar.	Shanghai, Moji & Kobe.
"KASHMIR"	9,053	4th Apr.	do.
"ST. ALBANS"	4,500	5th Apr.	Moji & Kobe.
"SOUHAN"	6,896	8th Apr.	Shanghai.
"PLASSY"	7,425	16th Apr.	Shanghai, Moji & Kobe.
"KHIVA"	9,097	2nd May	do.
"EASTERN"	4,000	3rd May	Moji & Kobe.
"KASHEGAR"	8,840	18th May	Shanghai, Moji & Kobe.
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MANILA	TEAN	On 1st Feb. 10 a.m.
SHANGHAI	HUNAN	On 2nd Feb. D.L.
SWATOW & SINGAPORE	SOOCHOW	On 3rd Feb. D.L.
SHANGHAI & TSINGTAO	KWEIYANG	On 3rd Feb. D.L.
SWATOW & SHANGHAI	CHUSAN	On 3rd Feb. Noon.
SHANGHAI	KASHING	On 4th Feb. 4 p.m.
SHANGHAI	SUNING	On 5th Feb. D.L.
SWATOW & BANGKOK	KALGAN	On 5th Feb. 4 p.m.
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SHANGHAI ... ..	Sinkiang ...	30th Jan.
U.S.A., CANADA, JAPAN AND SHANGHAI	Pres. Jackson ...	30th Jan.
SHANGHAI ... ..	Shusan ...	31st Jan.
SHANGHAI ... ..	Summing ...	1st Feb.
AUSTRALIA & MANILA ... ..	Eastern ...	1st Feb.
JAPAN ... ..	St. Albans ...	1st Feb.
EUROPE via Negapatam (Letters only)	Rosandra ...	2nd Feb.
London, 3rd Jan.		
U.S.A., JAPAN AND SHANGHAI ...	Pres. Harrison ...	4th Feb.
EUROPE via Negapatam (papers only)	Hokkaido Maru ...	4th Feb.
London, 3rd Jan.		

## OUTWARD MAILS

For	Per	Date
Swatow ... ..	Kingman ...	Wednesday, 30th, 8.30 A.M.
Japan, Canada, U.S.A., Central & South America, U.S.A. via Victoria, B.C., 20th Feb.	Tyndareus ...	Registration Letters 8.45 A.M.
Straits, Ceylon, Mauritius, E. & S. Africa, India, Egypt & EUROPE via Marseilles—due Marseilles, 1st March	Sawa Maru ...	Registration Letters 8.45 A.M.
*Java via Sourabaya ... ..	Tikini ...	10.30 A.M.
Swatow and Bangkok ... ..	Kuanchow ...	10.30 A.M.
Manila ... ..	Tsao ...	1.00 P.M.
Batavia, Samarang and Sourabaya	Samarang Maru ...	3.30 P.M.
*Swatow, Amoy and Formosa ...	Saka Maru ...	5.00 P.M.
Amoy ... ..	Tanaka ...	5.00 P.M.
Bangkok ... ..	Canton Maru ...	5.00 P.M.
Shanghai, Japan, *Victoria, B.C. and Europe via Siberia due Victoria, B.C., 28th Feb. (Correspondence specially superscribed "via Siberia" only.)	Iyo Maru ...	Thursday, 31st, 8.30 A.M.
Swatow ... ..	Hydrangea ...	2.30 P.M.
Straits & Calcutta ... ..	Lake Fork ...	3.30 P.M.
Shanghai, Japan, Honolulu, Canada, U.S.A., Central & South America, & EUROPE via SAN FRANCISCO—due San Francisco, 23rd Feb.	Pres. Lincoln ...	Friday, 1st, Registration Letters 8.00 A.M.
Holbow and Haiphong ... ..	Leasing ...	Friday, 1st, 8.00 A.M.
Manila, *Shanghai, Japan, Honolulu and *San Francisco—due San Francisco 3rd March	Shinyo Maru ...	10.30 A.M.
Swatow Amoy and Poochow ...	Haichang ...	Noon
Saigon and Bangkok ... ..	Fishu Maru ...	2.00 P.M.
Manila ... ..	Pres. Jackson ...	3.30 P.M.
Manila ... ..	Seisang ...	Saturday, 2nd, Noon
Straits ... ..	Van Clon ...	Noon
Sandakan ... ..	Onunang ...	Noon
Manila, Sandakan, Australia & New Zealand via Thursday Island—due Thursday Island, 15th Feb.	St. Albans ...	Parcels 1.45 P.M.
Amoy ... ..	Eucalypt ...	3.30 P.M.
Shanghai ... ..	Sinkiang ...	5.00 P.M.
Japan ... ..	Tylobo ...	Sunday, 3rd, 9.00 A.M.
Swatow, Amoy and Formosa ...	Amakusa Maru ...	9.00 A.M.

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Telegraphic Transfer ... ..	16 1/2
Bank Bills, on demand ... ..	16 1/2
ON CALCUTTA—	
Telegraphic Transfer ... ..	16 1/2
Bank Bills, on demand ... ..	16 1/2
ON SHANGHAI—	
Bank Bills, at sight ... ..	nom.
Private, 30 days' sight ... ..	nom.
ON YOKOHAMA—On demand ... ..	110 1/2
ON MANILA—On demand ... ..	86
ON SINGAPORE—On demand ... ..	86 1/2
ON BATAVIA—On demand ... ..	136 1/2
ON HONGKONG—On demand ... ..	nom.
ON SINGAPORE—On demand ... ..	75 1/2
SOVEREIGN, Bank's Buying rate ...	\$ 3.31
GOLD LEAF, 100 fine, per tael ...	\$1.40
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 Hongkong, 14th November, 1923. [47]

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For the HONGKONG & SHANGHAI BANKING CORPORATION,  
 A. G. STEPHEN,  
 Chief Manager  
 Hongkong, 14th November, 1923. [48]

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A. H. FERGUSON,  
 Manager.  
 Hongkong, May 28th, 1922. [51]

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S. KONDOH,  
 Manager.  
 4, Des Vaux Road,  
 Hongkong, 15th September, 1923.



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 N. C. WILSON,  
 Manager.  
 71 Queen's Road Central,  
 Hongkong, January 25th, 1924. [50]

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 O. E. GOY,  
 Manager.  
 Hongkong, December 15th, 1923. [49]

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 KAY TONG, CO.  
 Chief Manager.  
 Hongkong, December 31st, 1923. [54]

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 E. NISHIYAMA,  
 Manager.  
 Hongkong, 17th Sept., 1923. [53]

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